



Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth

Primary Maker

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Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This dramatic painting depicts an incident that occurred on 28 June 1778 near Freehold, Monmouth County. At the center of the crowded and animated work sits George Washington on a brown horse with sword upraised. General Charles Lee on a white horse appears to Washington's left. Immediately behind Washington is the Marquis de Lafayette with red uniform lapels, and behind him Alexander Hamilton with a white plume in his hat. Baron von Steuben appears at the extreme right edge of the composition wearing a metal helmet with a feathered plume. To the left behind and around General Lee is a large group of militia in a mix of informal clothing carrying muskets with bayonets. One of their number appears in the foreground attempting to get water from a small pool. To the right of the pool, a male holding a musket scoops water with his hat. Behind him to the right is a wounded soldier assisted by another militiaman. An artillery brigade is rushing to a hilltop in the distance behind Washington. The main American army in orderly ranks appears in the far distance in the extreme right hand corner of the canvas. The artist has included a depiction of Old Tennent Parsonage in the upper left distance. The blue sky is filled with the smoke of battle.

Dimensions

52 × 87 in. (132.1 × 221 cm)