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## Washington's Adieu.

On the second day of July, 1775, General Washington arrived in Cambridge, Mass. accompanied by Major General Lee, his next in command, and other officers, and established headquarters in the mansion subsequently occupied by Longfellow. About 9 o'clock on the morning of the following day, attended by a suitable escort, he proceeded from his headquarters to a great elm tree near Harvard College. Here the Continental forces were drawn up in military order. Under the shadow of the tree Washington drew his sword as commander in chief of the American army, declaring that it should never be sheathed until the liberties of his country were established.

How completely he kept his word is known to every one. When the war was brought to a close in the autumn of 1781 the work he had set out to accomplish was done. But two years more were to elapse before the treaty of peace was signed, and during that period Washington gave still further illustration of his disinterested patriotism and of his political wisdom and foresight.

Finally the day came for Washington

to take leave of his army, October 18, 1783. For the last time he assembled them at Newburgh, N. Y., when he rode out on the field and gave them one of those paternal addresses which so eminently characterized his relationship with his army. To the tune of "Roslin Castle" the soldiers' dirge—his brave comrades passed slowly by their great leader and filed away to their respective homes. It was a thrilling scene.

They were gray haired soldiers, who had grown old by hardships and exposures, and too old to begin anew. Tears coursed freely the furrowed cheeks of these veterans. As Washington looked upon them for the last time he said: "I am growing old in my country's service and losing my sight, but I never doubted its justice or gratitude." Even on the rudest and roughest of the soldiery the effect of his parting language was irresistible.

But his final leave of everything connected with his military life was taken on December 4, 1783, at Fraunces' Tavern, New York city. Here he had requested his officers in full uniform to assemble. On entering the room, and finding himself surrounded by his old compan-

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