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November, 2008:

“My reading of the primary evidence is much the same as yours. The account of Dr. Thacher, the maps of French officers, and the correspondence of George Washington all clearly indicate that French and American troops camped in Dobbs Ferry and other towns nearby.

Dobbs Ferry itself was the scene of one of the most dramatic events of the march: American troops paraded there and started the long march to Virginia, making feints in other directions as they passed New York.

Dobbs Ferry deserves to be remembered as one of the crossroads of the American Revolution. ”



Thomas Fleming

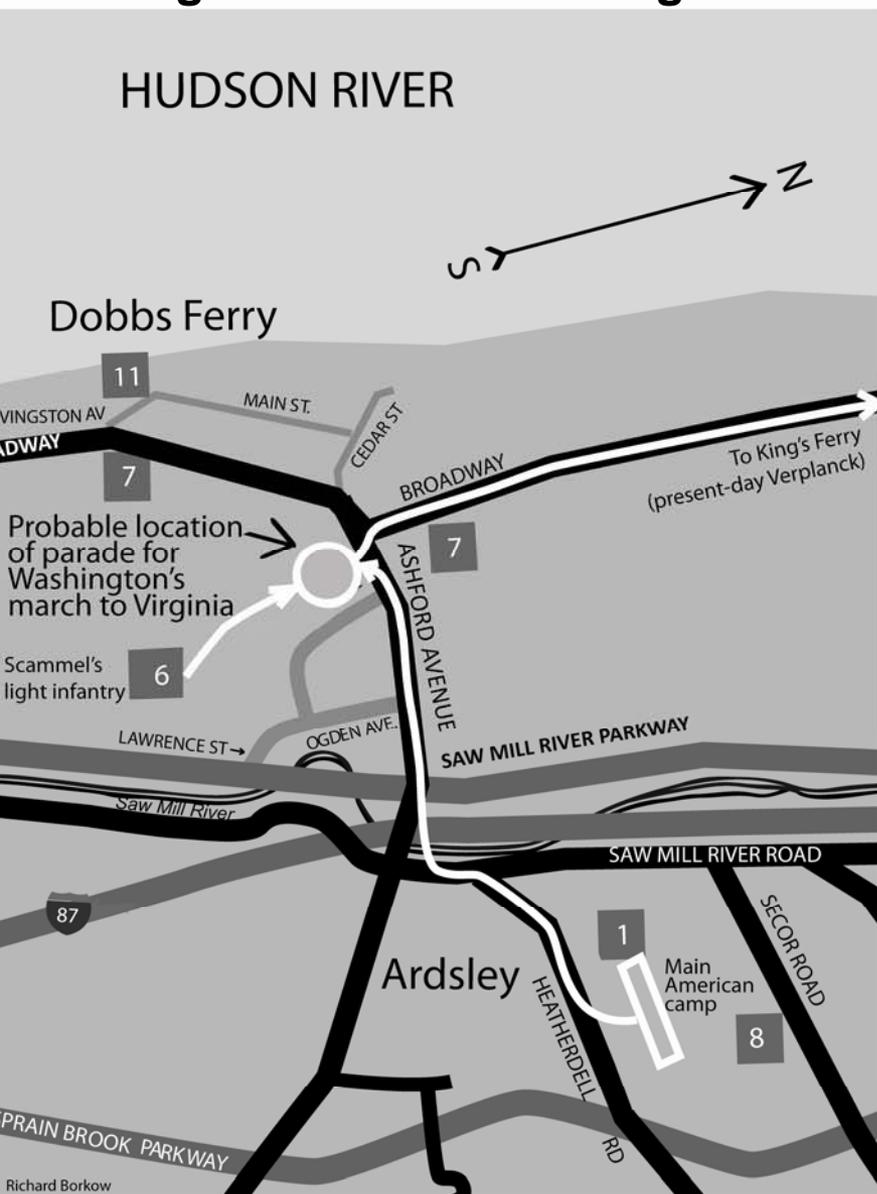
January, 2008:

“The Dobbs Ferry Historical Society submitted a 14 page comment to the NPS on December 2, 2006, with ample evidence that the town was the actual starting point for the march.

“My investigation confirms the validity of their maps and citations.”



AUGUST 19, 1781 The Continental army breaks camp and begins the march to Virginia



August 20th, 1781

According to orders, we commenced our line of march yesterday, a party of pioneers being sent forward to clear the road towards King's-bridge [in Manhattan], and we expected immediately to follow in that direction; but an army is a machine, whose motions are directed by its chief. When the troops were paraded for the march, they were ordered to the right about, and, making a retrograde movement up the side of the North [Hudson] river, we have reached King's-ferry [at Verplanck], and are preparing to cross the Hudson at this ferry.”

Military Journal of the American Revolution
by Dr. James Thacher

Memoir of the life and times of General John Lamb

By Isaac Q. Leake (1850)

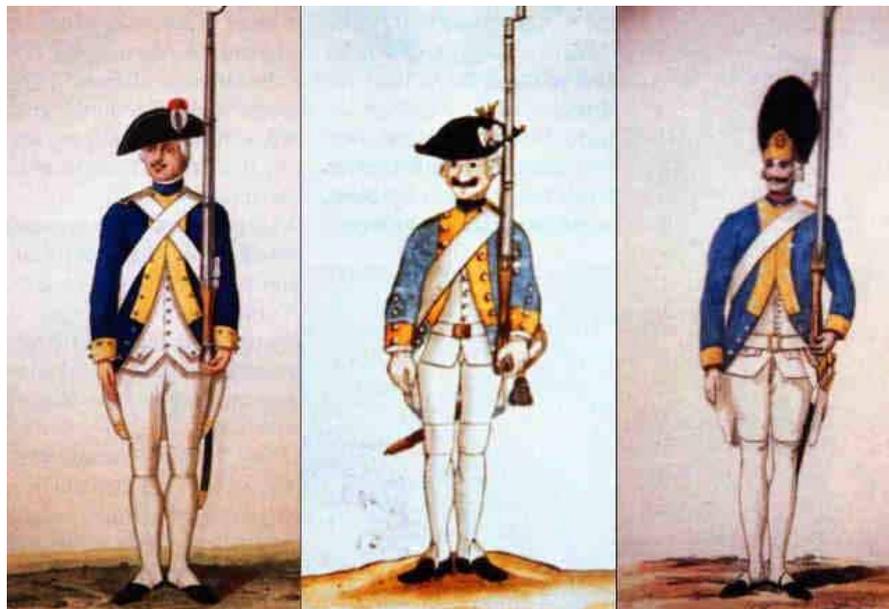
August, 1781: “At length the order to march was given, and the artillery, placed under the orders of Col. Lamb, broke up from Dobbs's Ferry, and, moving up the river, crossed at King's Ferry with the ordnance and stores to the west bank; and joining the division under Gen. Lincoln, they took up their march for the Delaware...”



The Revolutionary Journal of Baron Ludwig von Closen: 1780-1783

University of North Carolina Press, 1958

“On the 19th all our army left the Philipsburg camp...
General Washington[‘s] ... army... left the Philipsburg
camp the same day as we, marching by the Tarrytown
Road, along the river.” *pages 106 and 107*



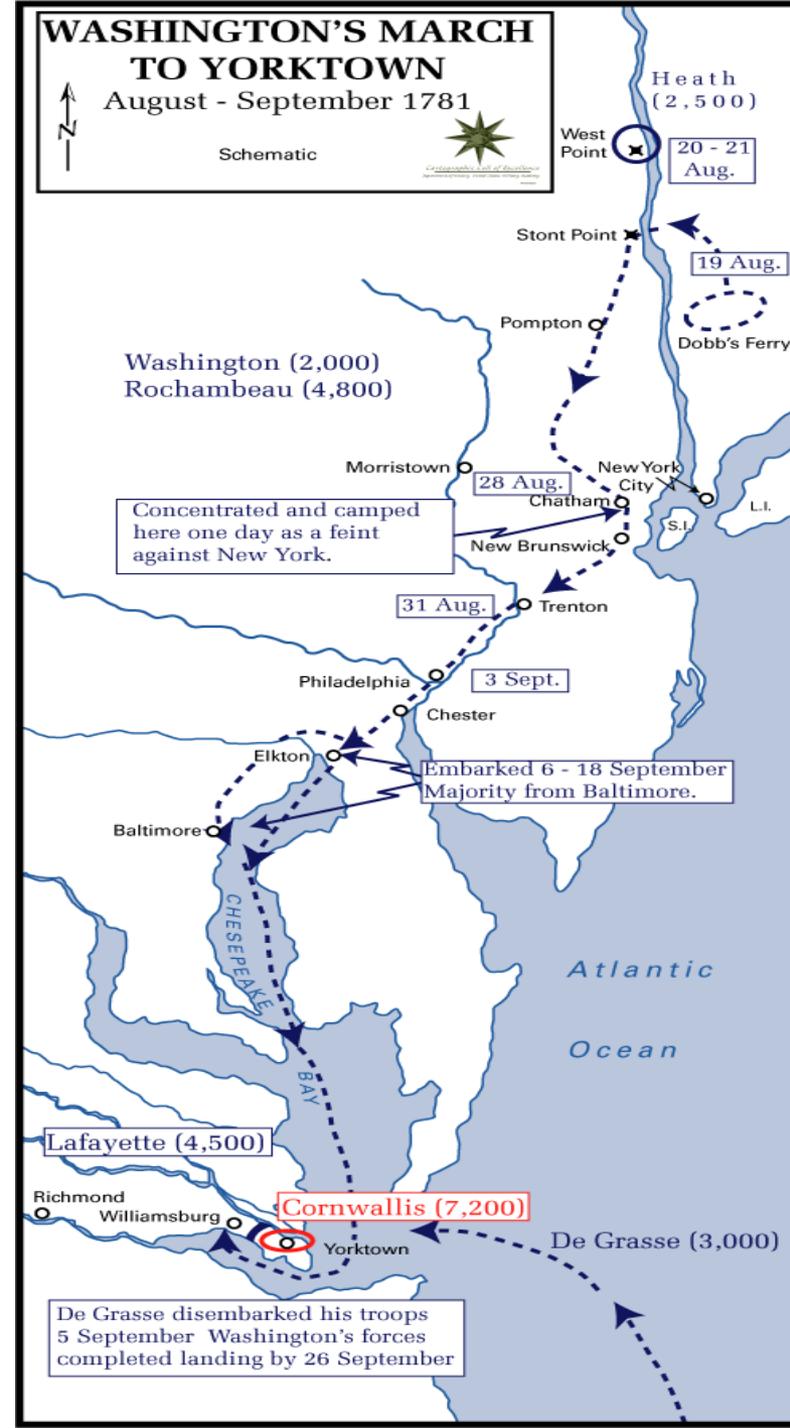
Royal Deux-Ponts regiment

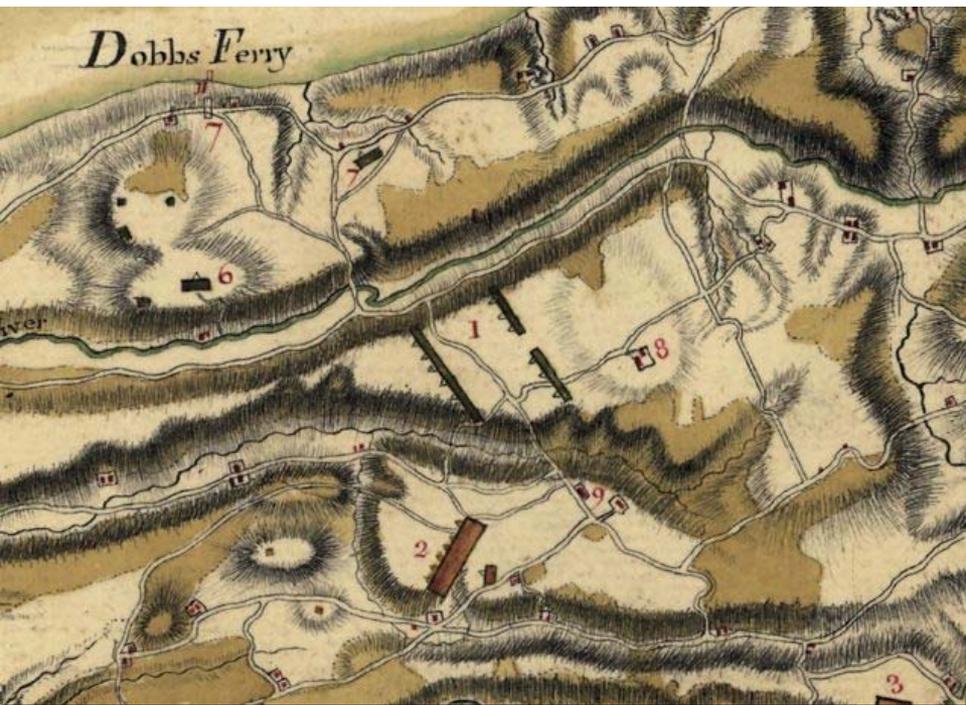
Washington's march from the Hudson to Yorktown, Virginia

Aug 19th to Sept 18th, 1781

Map prepared by historians at
the United States Military Academy,
West Point:

http://www.dean.usma.edu/HISTORY/web03/atlasses/american%20revolution/american%20revolution%20pages/march_yorktown.htm





**Key for 1781 encampment sites
on both modern map and original map**

- 1 Main American camp
- 2 Main French camp
- 3 Grenadiers & chasseurs (French light infantry)
- 4 Legion of Lauzun
- 5 Corps of Col. Waterbury
- 6 Corps of Col. Scammel (American light infantry)
- 7 Sheldon's dragoons
- 8 Headquarters of Gen. Washington
- 9 Headquarters of Gen. Rochambeau
- 10 French hospital
- 11 Batteries at Dobbs Ferry to prevent ships from coming up the river

