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A famous storm! A storm once greatly aided George Washington. Cornwallis with a large army had established himself in Virginia and was eager for battle. It is well known how Washington went south and with the French laid siege. Cornwallis found himself in an untenable position--really a trap between the York and James rivers. He tried to escape over the York River. Some of his men got across but further operations were stopped by a violent storm just as he seemingly was successful. This storm drove his boats down the river, and continued all night. In the morning the project was given up and those that had gotten over recrossed to join and aid the main body of Cornwallis' troops. In this instance the weather very materially aided the fight for independence. ~~-----~~