Gen. La Fayette, who had come by invitation to this country, and who had been at Boston, was to pass through Albany on his way South. I happened to be in Albany at this time with my wife on our way to Philadelphia, on a visit to my wife's aunt who lived near that city. We saw from our window the procession with which the General was received at Albany. The sight was very animating and the enthusiasm very contagious. We happened to see him also as he entered Philadelphia.

We had taken rooms at the Mansion House tavern in Philadelphia, where the General was to lodge, and as we arrived some days in advance of him we occupied the parlor and bedroom that were furnished anew for him. They were very elegant and we occupied till the General arrived when we went to Kenderton, a few miles from Philadelphia where my wife's aunt resided on a large and beautiful estate.

The entry of the General into Philadelphia was of course greatly more splendid than his reception at Albany. I saw my friend Major Gen. Jacob Brown in the military procession that attended La Fayette and had I made my presence known to him I could have figured in the procession but yielding to my natural shyness, I took special pains not to be seen by him.

After passing some time at Kenderton we returned home by way of New York. Gen. La Fayette was in the city but we were not aware of it till we were visiting the Museum where soon after the General arrived with Mr. Philip Howe, who was I believe Mayor of New York at the time. My wife was anxious to be introduced to the General and as I was known to Mr. Howe, I told him and he took us to the General and introduced us. The General had been to Quincy to pay his respects to President John Adams whom he had known in France, and being told by Mr. Howe that my wife was the President's granddaughter, he was very courteous and polite.