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Mary Philipse. The Morrisises were tories and fled on the outbreak of the Revolution. The building was later occupied by Stephen Jumel, whose widow Aaron Burr married. (See page 160.) From this point there is a fine view of the Harlem River and beyond.

Going up Jumel Terrace to 162d Street, they turned westward to Broadway and thence northward to 181st Street, westward through 181st to Fort Washington Avenue, and northward through the latter the distance of two blocks to the crest of the hill. Here on the west side of the avenue on property of James Gordon Bennett is a monument, surmounted by a cannon, marking the site of the northeast bastion of Fort Washington. A few feet north of this is the highest point on Manhattan Island.

The Battle of Fort Washington on November 16, 1776, raged over all the island from the Hollow Way to Spuyten Duyvil Creek. The Hessians under Knyphausen swarmed down from King's Bridge on the north; the British under Cornwallis and the Highlanders under Leslie crossed the Harlem on the east; the British under Earl Percy and another brigade of Hessians under Stirn swept up from the south, and the British ship Pearl poured in shot from the west. The 3,000 Americans under Col. Magaw stood no chance against 15,000 trained British troops and after desperate fighting, the survivors were taken prisoners. Washington, whose headquarters were then in New Jersey, was on the battlefield a while, but escaped across the river just in time.

Proceeding northward along Fort Washington Avenue, about seven-tenths of a mile, the visitors passed a monument erected by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, on property of C. K. G. Billings, marking the site of Fort Tryon, an outwork of Fort Washington. Here the Americans made a desperate but ineffectual stand on November 16, 1776. Here Margaret Corbin served a cannon after her husband was shot and was herself desperately wounded. She was afterward pensioned by the government. (See page 140.)

North of Fort Tryon, Fort Washington Avenue winds down the steep slopes up which the Hessians charged November 16, 1776, and again reaches Broadway in the latitude of what