Who Said That?

A  “If you do not desist your opposition to the British Arms, I will march this army over the mountains, hang your leaders and lay your country waste with fire and sword.”

B  “Colonel Sevier, I have no authority by law to give you this money; it belongs to the impoverished treasury of North Carolina, and I dare not use a cent of it to any purpose; but, if the country is over-run by the British, our liberty is gone. Let the money go too. Take it. If the enemy, by its use, is driven from the country, I can trust that country to justify and forgive my conduct, so take it.”

C  “When we encounter the enemy, don’t wait for the word of command. Let each of you be you own officer, and do the very best you can, taking every care you can of yourselves and giving yourselves every advantage that chance may throw in your way.”

D  “The Back Water men have crossed the mountains. . . .If you choose to be degraded forever and ever by a set of mongrels, say so at once, and let your women turn their backs upon you, and look out for real men to protect them.”

E  “I am on my march towards you, by a road leading from Cherokee Ford, north of King’s Mountain. Three or four hundred soldiers, part dragoons, would finish the business. Something must me done. This is their last push in this quarter, etc.”

F  “I am the king of this mountain and God Almighty cannot drive me from it.”

G  “I will not stop until night, if I follow Ferguson into Cornwallis’ lines.”

H  “Put fresh prime in your guns, boys and let every man go into battle ready to fight ‘til he dies.”

Instructions: Read each quotation and decide who said it in what part of the story. Write the letter for the quotation next to the speaker.

■ Patrick Ferguson while recruiting Loyalists in North Carolina
■ Final general order (Colonel Campbell)
■ Isaac Shelby to the Overmountain Men before approaching Gilbert Town
■ Patrick Ferguson in a written message to the Overmountain Men
■ Isaac Shelby when asked if the men could rest after riding all night
■ Patrick Ferguson in a message sent by courier to General Cornwallis
■ Patrick Ferguson at his camp atop Little Kings Mountain
■ John Adair, Entry Taker for Sullivan County when asked for money

Answers: D H A G E F B