



RECONNOISSANCE OF THE CONFEDERATE POSITION AT STRASBURG, PREVIOUS TO ITS OCCUPATION BY GENRAL FREMONT.—FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.



ARMY OF GENERAL FREMONT ON ITS MARCH UP THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY.—WOUNDED AND RAGGED SOLDIERS.—FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.

Fremont's column entered the valley in May, after toiling for weeks through the mountainous wilderness of West Virginia. Many of the soldiers had passed the winter in regions inaccessible for supply trains, and had suffered great privation. The march began in April, when the mountain roads were blocked with snow and the valleys flooded by almost constant rains.