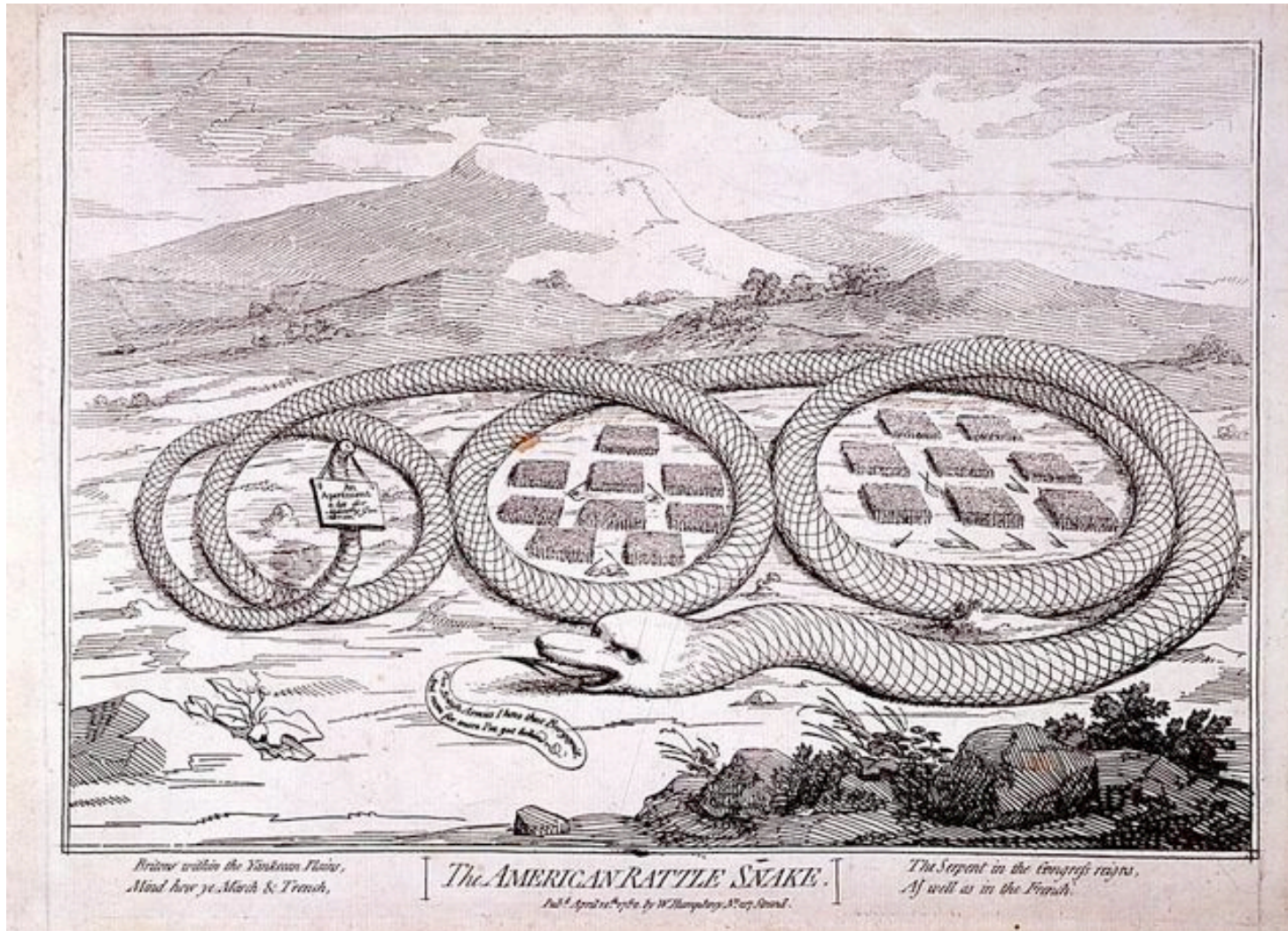


Rattlesnake's tail caption: "An Apartment to Let for Military Gentlemen."

Rattlesnake's mouth caption: "Two British Armies I have thus Burgoyne'd, And room for more I've got behind."



Questions

1. What event(s) are depicted in this cartoon?
2. It was published in 1782, what document was signed in 1783?
3. Drawn from the British perspective, what is the message of the cartoon?
4. The rattlesnake is a metaphor for what style of fighting used by the Americans?

Answers

1. The American Revolution, the surrender of troops by British General Burgoyne at Saratoga, NY in 1777 and General Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA in 1781.
2. The Treaty of Paris, ending the American Revolution.
3. It was an appeal to the British to stop fighting the Americans as they had successfully forced the surrender of British troops and were ready for more victories if needed.
4. Guerrilla warfare, the British were used to fighting battles in the traditional style of face to face, the Americans would surround them and stalk them while marching.