

WASHINGTON'S ADDRESS TO THE CANADIANS.

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The following address was published in Canada on the arrival there of Col. Arnold, with the troops under his command :—

By His Excellency George Washington, Esq., Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United Colonies of North America, to the Inhabitants of Canada :

FRIENDS AND BRETHREN :—

THE unnatural contest between the English Colonies and Great Britain has now risen to such a height that arms alone can decide it. The Colonies, confiding in the justice of their cause, and the purity of their intentions, have reluctantly appealed to that Being, in whose hands are all human events. He has hitherto smiled upon their virtuous efforts,—the hand of tyranny has been arrested in its ravages, and the British arms, which have shewn with so much splendor in every part of the globe, are now tarnished with disgrace and disappointment. Generals of approved experience, who boasted of subduing this great continent, find themselves circumscribed within the limits of a single city and its suburbs, suffering all the shame and disgrace of a siege, while the free-born sons of America, animated by the genuine principles of liberty and love of their country, with increasing union, firmness and discipline, repel every attack and despise every danger.

Above all, we rejoice that our enemies have been deceived with regard to you. They have persuaded themselves, they have even dared to say, that the Canadians were not capable of distinguishing between the blessings of liberty and the wretchedness of slavery; that gratifying the vanity of a little circle of nobility would blind the people of Canada. By such artifices they hoped to bend you to their views, but