

vehement as to affect his public conduct. When we read in your letters, that you asked Sir Henry Clinton's advice whether you should persevere in executing *your* orders, and advised Col. St. Leger to consult his judgment whether he should persevere in executing *his* orders, it is impossible to believe that you deemed either so peremptory as to preclude the exercise of discretion. While you are arguing with Sir Guy Carleton to induce him to depart from his instructions, we cannot so readily admit your religious attachment to *your own*. When we learn by authentic documents that the magazine of Bennington was not even known to you till after Col. Baum had received his orders and begun his march, we cannot accede to its having been the principal object of the expedition. Convinced that you requested Sir William Howe to permit you to act independently of him, and knowing that he had acquainted you that you would have *no direct assistance from the southern army*, we can neither admit the justice of your complaint of having been left to fight your way *through a host of foes, alone*, or believe that you expected a *co-operating army at*