

stitution, and did not appear in any opposition to their cause by any personal services, information, or any way whatsoever.

I had not been many days in the enjoyment of this indulgence when I was again apprehended by another mob similar to the former, headed by a sergeant from Captain Barns' party at Crownpoint, to which place I was again hurried away captive under a strong armed guard, upon an accusation from that banditti that I was employed in buying cattle for provisions to the English army then advancing towards the American forces and back settlements, peremptorily demanding my immediate surrender and delivery of the arms and ammunition that I lately concealed in the woods or fields, and all this under certification of my being without mercy or delay sent to Albany Jail.

I was under no obligation to answer their accusations, and refused to comply with the demand made for my arms and ammunition; but being at last entreated by some friends—who feared my being thrown into prison, where I might possibly lie long neglected—with great reluctance I agreed to part with my firearms, ammunition, and favourite broadsword; and upon this compliance I was permitted to return home once more, where I had not spent many days when, by an indulging order from the foresaid Colonel Hay, all my weapons were returned me.

I remained at my habitation the rest of this season under a great deal of anxiety and disquiet, my family being in continual hazard of depredations, my cattle frequently killed, and my effects daily plundered by American parties incessantly straggling round the country; we having no consolation but our hopes of the arrival and support of the British forces, which not appearing, nor any notice of their motions to our relief, I and some loyal neighbours were in agonies