

"The Marquis de Montcalm, endeavoring to rally the troops in their most disorderly flight, was wounded in the lower part of the belly. He was transported immediately to Quebec and lodged in the house of Mr Arnoux, the King's Surgeon, who was absent with Monsieur de Boullamare, but his brother, the young Arnoux, having visited the wound declared it mortal. This truly great and worthy hero heard Arnoux (having visited) pronounce his sentence of death with a stoic and unflinching soul ; his mind calm and serene ; his countenance soft and pleasing ; and with a look of his indifference to live or to die.

"He prayed Arnoux to be so kind and outspoken with him as to tell him ingenuously how many hours he thought he might yet live ? Arnoux answering him, that he might hold out until about three in the morning. He passed that small remainder of life in conversing with a few officers about him upon indifferent subjects with great coolness and presence of mind, and ending his days near the hour that Arnoux had (had) foretold him. His last words were : " I die content, since I leave the affairs of the king, my dear master, in good hands. I always had a very great consideration for the talent and capacity of Monsieur de Lévis.".....

"When I was informed of Monsieur de Montcalm's misfortune, I sent him immediately his servant Joseph, (1) begging him to acquaint me if I could be of any service to him, and in that case I would be with him at Quebec immediately. Joseph came back in that moment to the hornwork and grieved me to the inmost of my soul by

(1) Joseph Barbeau, décédé à Ste-Thérèse, âgé de 88 ans, 10 mois et 18 jours, avait été domestique et palefrenier de Montcalm pendant trois ans. Il accompagna son maître avec ses chevaux sur le champ de bataille des Plaines. " Cf. Gazette de Québec, 2 oct. 1828."