

performance of this, four hostages were to be delivered, which they being under the absolute power of the enemy did sign.

“ That on Sunday the 26th, the prisoners were carried to Quinchien, where it was discovered that General Arnold was approaching, and making dispositions to attack them: That Captain Forster having desired Major Sherburne to send by a flag, which he was about to send to General Arnold, for confirmation of the cartel, carried him into a council of the Indians then sitting, who told him, that it was a mercy never before shewn in their wars, that they had killed so few of their prisoners, but they should certainly kill every man, who should hereafter fall into their hands: That Captain Forster joined in desiring, that the bloody message should be delivered to General Arnold, and moreover, that he should be notified, That if he rejected the cartel, and attacked him, every man of his prisoners would be put to instant death.

“ That General Arnold was extremely averse from entering into any agreement, and was at length induced to it, by no other motive than that of saving the prisoners from cruel
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