

also in the present, has performed faithful services to this and the neighboring Colonies, and behaved himself in the offices, with which he has been entrusted, with good reputation and the general satisfaction of the people of those parts."

Regarding Vetch, Smith refers to his achievements as follows ; (1)

"Colonel Vetch, who had been several years before at Quebec and sounded the River St. Lawrence, was the first projector of this enterprise. The Ministry approved of it and Vetch arrived in Boston and prevailed on the New England Colonies to join the scheme. After that he came to New York and concerted the plan of operations with Francis Nicholson, formerly our Lieutenant-Governor who, at the request of Governor Ingolsby, the Council, the Assembly, Gurdon Saltonstall, the Governor of Connecticut, and Charles Gookin, Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania, accepted the Chief command of the Provincial forces intended to penetrate into Canada by the way of Lake Champlain."

Peter Schuyler at length passed away at his estate of the Flatts, full of years and honors, having been thrice Lieutenant-Governor and for a long time President of the Executive Council of the Province, of which his brother Colonel John Schuyler was also a member. Poor Vetch fell into obscurity and total neglect after the failure of his enterprise, and died in a British prison, incarcerated for debt. In the next generation, the traditions of Peter and John Schuyler

(1) P. 173.