

matter, ought to be sufficient to satisfy even a disciple of "the new school of history," that any statement of his about his part in the capture of Ticonderoga, or of the misconduct of others there, which is unsupported by other evidence, is not entitled to credit, or even to serious attention.

Coming as Arnold did, with authority from the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, to raise men for the seizure of the fort, which Allen and his associates were about to attack, they were disposed, though utterly denying his right to interfere in any way with their proceedings, to treat him with courtesy and respect. Hence he was allowed to take his place by the side of Allen, and to enter the fort with him at his left hand, but without any command whatever.

Arnold's claim to a joint command, and to have captured the fortress, and his threat "to keep it at every hazard," met with no countenance from the Massachusetts authorities. On the contrary, the congress of that colony, on the 17th of May, by resolution, stated the capture to have been made "by the intrepid valor of a number of men under the command of Col. Allen, Col. Easton and others," and it approved of the proceedings of the committee of the expedition in sustaining Allen in the command of the post. On the 22d of May the congress wrote Arnold, in answer to his before mentioned letter of the 11th, that as the expedition had been begun in Connecticut, they had requested that colony to take the care and direction of the whole matter, and they enclosed Arnold a copy of the letter of request which they had addressed to the Connecticut Assembly. (*Jour. of Provincial Congress*, 235, 250, and *Force's Archives*, Vol. 2, 808, 676.)

Early in June, a regiment one thousand strong, from Connecticut, under the command of Col. Benjamin Hinman, arrived at Ticonderoga, to whom Col. Allen at once gave up the command. But Arnold by this time had been joined by some recruits from

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