

"This position," (referring to that of BURGOYNE's army depending for everything, even its supplies of daily food, on Quebec as a secondary base, but having its primary or real base in England,) "was thus excessively bad, and they (the English) had labored to render it even worse yet; for, not content with wishing to establish a chain of posts from the St. Lawrence, to that of the Hudson, General HOWE desired to extend this chain to the mouth of the Delaware, and had captured Philadelphia. We have seen that the destruction of BURGOYNE's Army was the inevitable consequence of an operation so well (sarcastic) combined."—"As soon as General HOWE started for Philadelphia, the troops of North America fell at their ease upon the Army of Great Britain."

Thus it is that minds truly military, predict the inevitable in war. Thus M. JOLY DE ST VALIER foretold the ruin of BURGOYNE; von BULOW the fall of Prussia, in 1806; and SCHALK the course of the campaign in 1862, culminating at Antietam, putting his finger almost on the very spot where the decisive battle would be fought; and thus it is that solid men like SCHUYLER are sacrificed to such overrated men as GATES; or superseded the moment when the tree of their labors is about to flower and fruit in victory.

THOMAS, another SCHUYLER, came near experiencing a similar fate in 1864, when a few days respite enabled him to win the most resultive battle of the war,—Nashville.

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