

of a direct and willful breach of the convention; merely because you had not been accommodated quite so genteely and conveniently during your journey as you might wish and expect. This charge, so captious, and so inoffensive, as it certainly afforded the chief pretence, so it probably suggested the first idea of a real and essential violation. Your injudicious, and (in some instances) mistaken disputes with General Heath, were somewhat of a similar nature, though possibly not quite so pernicious in their consequences.

On the propriety of your quitting the convention troops under such circumstances, sufficient has been said already. Neither is it necessary to expatiate at large on the degrading humiliation of soliciting a favour of the Congress, from whom you had just received the severest insult; nor on the indiscretion of giving such a parole as might be construed into an admission that you, and consequently your army, might be lawfully considered as absolute prisoners of war.

Let me now attend your return to this country, in which your exploits have been as numerous and perhaps even more extraordinary than your American operations.

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