

blows (if we may presume to use a noun as an adjective) were devised and delivered by Schuyler, long before Gates assumed the command, and were executed anywhere but upon the field where the ignorant masses imagine that the boasting Anglo-American gathered his laurels.

One incident remains to be related which has always appeared to the speaker as the finest exemplification of Schuyler's self-reliance, amid such distressing difficulties, moral and physical, as surrounded him. It has been related in different ways, but you shall hear it as it was first represented many years ago to the individual who addresses you.

Schuyler was well aware of the importance of Fort Stanwix, and although apparently he could not spare a single man, he despatched from eight hundred to one thousand men to save it, if still it could be saved; to redeem it, if it had already been lost. Already calumniated as a traitor, because he could be truly brave, and save his country at the risk of his own individual reputation, his resolution to detach Arnold from an army already too feeble to face Burgoyne in the field, raised a new storm of indignation against a patriot as true as Washington; as a general, second to none who wore the blue and buff.

The night before Learned or Arnold started, this glorious type of an American officer and gentleman was heard pacing to and fro in his room, with feelings lacerated and excited by the imputation of treason, for what he knew was a master stroke of military policy.

"I will do it"! He was heard to exclaim, more than once, with the strongest affirmation of our Saxon vernacular. "Let them call me traitor if they will." Again with the most emphatic oath, he added, "Arnold shall go"!

Arnold marched; and on receiving the news of his approach, St. Leger broke up the siege of Fort Stanwix, abandoned his artillery and stores and fled.

"Thus was Burgoyne's right arm withered (or lopped off at Fort Stanwix), and the left, which he had stretched (nearly) as far as Bennington, was arrested (or amputated, on the Hoosick, by our old friend, Stark, of Bunker Hill memory, who had been roused by the calls of General Schuyler."

Bennington was fought and won on the 16th August, three days before Gates even made his appearance. He was just in time however to receive the report of the victory and transmit it to Congress and the people, *over* his signature as if it was a glory which should be credited to him.