

gance and effrontery were so uniformly offensive as to make his whole life a continued quarrel for power and precedence. It is difficult to conceive that any one but Arnold himself could have had the shamelessness to talk of his *modesty*, or speak of his "*modest merit!*" This alone strongly indicates that he was its author. And the detailed account which the article gives of the numerous alleged sayings and acts of Arnold at different times and places, could only have come from Arnold himself.

It thus appears that the story of Arnold's joint command, of his special services in the capture of the fortress, and of the misconduct of Allen's men after his taking possession, rest upon the authority of Arnold alone—the party who claims the benefit of his statements to enhance his own merit and disparage that of others. And what is the reputation for truth and veracity of this witness who thus testifies against all others, and in his own behalf? *Bad*, beyond question. From his youth up, though admitted to be brave even to rashness, he was always equally well noted for want of principle. Examples of his early falsehood, speculation and fraud might be given, but it is unnecessary. His want of integrity was known long before his patriotism was called in question. He was always as thorough a liar, as he was ever a traitor.

That in his account of the transactions at Ticonderoga, Arnold did not, any more than on other occasions, hesitate at telling a direct falsehood to enhance his own fame or injure that of others, is most certain. There is one instance, at least, about which there can be no controversy. We have already seen that on the 8th of May, before Arnold arrived at Castleton, the whole plan for future proceedings had been agreed upon in council, and the men assigned their respective parts. A party of thirty men, under the command of Captain Herrick, was to go to Skenesborough the next day in the afternoon, and take into custody Major Skene, and cap-

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