

"With the highest satisfaction I bear testimony to my old Fellow Soldiers and Citizens, that I find Ground to rely upon the Clemency of our Sovereign, and abundant conviction that it is the generous Intentions of Great Britain, not only to have the Rights and privileges of the Colonies unimpaired, together with their perpetual exemption from taxation, but to superadd such further benefits as may consist with the Common Prosperity of the Empire. In short, I fought for MUCH LESS THAN THE PARENT COUNTRY IS AS WILLING TO GRANT to her Colonies, as they can be to receive or enjoy.

"Some may think I continued in the struggle of those unhappy days too long, and others that I quitted it too soon. To the first I reply, that I did not see with their Eyes, nor perhaps had so favorable a position to look from, and that to one Common Master I am willing to stand or fall. In behalf of the Candid among the latter, some of whom I believe serve blindly but honestly in the Ranks I have left, I pray God to give them all the light requisite to their own safety before it is too late; and with respect to that kind of Censurers whose Enmity to me Originates in their hatred to the Principles, by which I am now led to devote my life to the Re-union of the British Empire, as the best and only means to dry up the streams of misery that have deluged this country, they may be assured that. Conscious of the Rectitude of my Intentions, I shall treat their Malice and Calumnies with Contempt and neglect.

"B. ARNOLD, New York, Oct 7th, 1780."

The foregoing apparently attracted considerable attention and the following further information was elicited:—W.W.S. in writing about Benedict Arnold's family, appears not to be aware that Arnold was twice married. Richard and Henry were the offspring of the first marriage. Richard lived until quite an old man on a farm in the Township of Augusta, on the bank of the St. Lawrence River, a short distance below Brockville. He died forty years ago at