

It is either a random assertion made without thought or consideration, allowable only in his "new era of American history," or it is something worse. *There is not a word of truth in it.*

Whether the suggestion in regard to the seizure of Ticonderoga was first made by Allen, or by some other of the Green Mountain Boys with whom Brown was in conference, or by Brown himself, does not appear, nor is it material to know. The necessity of the seizure, in case of hostilities with the mother country, was too obvious to escape the attention of any intelligent person residing on the New Hampshire Grants, or indeed anywhere in New England. While the lake, which that fort commanded, had been in the possession of the French, the Northern frontier had been constantly exposed to their incursions, and had been repeatedly ravaged by their Indian allies. That frontier, which had until then been Northern Massachusetts, was now, by the settlements on the New Hampshire Grants, on the very verge of the fortress. There could be no security whatever for the people on those Grants, if the fort was to remain in the possession of an enemy. The suggestion of its capture, the necessity for which could not but have been seen and felt by hundreds, could not add to the fame of either Allen or Brown. The speaking or writing of the propriety or necessity of the seizure of Ticonderoga, and the originating of a plan which should result in its capture, are two very different things, which however, Mr. DeCosta does not seem to comprehend. Under the circumstances which actually existed, we have seen that the former would be a small matter. The latter, on the contrary, would be quite an important one. If the expedition from Connecticut which eventuated in the seizure of the fortress, was started in consequence of Brown's letter to Warren and Adams, and with the design that Brown as the originator of it, should aid in its execution, as is contended by Mr. DeCosta, then Brown is entitled to an honor which has not hitherto been

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