

No one of a true and manly spirit would charge another with cowardice, unless upon incontestable proof. Even then the instincts of a gentleman would make him shrink from bringing it forward, unless compelled thereto by its bearing upon others, or by the requirements of history. This, however, Mr. Bancroft has done, and has given it the large circulation of his history.

To those few who feel sufficient interest in the personal character of General Schuyler to read my protest against this wanton insult to his memory, I deem it my duty to point out, to this extent, the relative positions in the estimation of their contemporaries, of the accuser and the accused.

The complete life of General Schuyler is yet to be published. In the meantime I look without much apprehension upon this attempt of Mr. Bancroft to deprive him of the reputation of a brave and unselfish patriot—a reputation hitherto accorded to him by his countrymen, based upon the verdict of historians whose names are honored and whose works are destined to live.

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