

ving *dictated* the terms. On what reasonable ground a General, who has surrendered his army into the power of an enemy, can boast of having dictated the terms of such a surrender, would perhaps puzzle any other man of plain understanding to discover: but I, who have long had the happiness of being familiar with your stile, and carefully studied every turn of your composition, presume you to mean, that General Gates, provided he could incapacitate your troops from serving in America, was disposed to grant you every other indulgence consistent with his acknowledged superiority. And indeed his so readily agreeing to the terms you proposed (or, as you are pleased to call it, *dictated*) is no slight evidence of such a disposition. It is not probable, therefore, that he would have opposed your wishes, had you (instead of leaving it to his choice) assigned Quebec as the place of embarkation, by which means you might immediately have conducted the whole army out of the provinces in rebellion, with the same security as your Canadian followers were permitted by this very treaty to return directly to that colony.

You could not surely doubt, whether it was more prudent to trust the performance of such a treaty to your own honour and that of your country, than to the faith of men whom you had stigmatized as rebels and traitors: You could

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