

nection with the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec, and that they endeavor to put the same immediately into execution." That committee appointed Mr. Brown to repair to Canada for the purpose indicated by the resolution, furnishing him with letters and pamphlets for friends in Montreal. It appears by Mr. Brown's letter from that place to Messrs. Warren and Adams before referred to, which bears date March 29, 1775, that immediately after receiving the letters and papers he went to Albany to open a correspondence with a Dr. Joseph Young, and also to ascertain the state of the lakes, which he says he found "impassable at that time." He accordingly returned to Pittsfield, and about a fortnight afterward, "set out for Canada." That he took the most direct and convenient route through Bennington across the New Hampshire Grants, there can be no manner of doubt. It appears by his letter that on his arrival in Canada, the engagement with him to capture Ticonderoga, before mentioned, had been entered into, and that he had also accomplished one of the most important objects of his mission, indicated in the Massachusetts resolution, by establishing, as his letter states, "*a channel of correspondence through the New Hampshire Grants, which might be depended on,*" neither of which could have been done if he had taken any other route. He says in his letter "two men from the New Hampshire Grants accompanied me" to Canada. These companions and guides were furnished him by the committee of the New Hampshire Grants at Bennington, as appears by authentic and undoubted evidence. One of them was no other than Peleg Sunderland, one of the eight persons who had been condemned to death without trial by the infamous New York outlawry act of 1774. In 1787, he petitioned the General Assembly of Vermont, stating that "in the month of March, 1775, he was called upon and requested by the *Grand Committee* at Bennington to go to Canada as a pilot to Major John Brown, who was sent by the Pro-

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