

people, who then, as now, cordially recognize the superior advantages of culture and refinement in those who are true to the greater responsibilities and the broader duties to humanity they entail upon their possessors.

I hope I shall not be considered as transgressing the bounds of propriety in making these remarks in a matter which, as between me, the representative of General Schuyler, and Mr. Bancroft, is of a personal nature.

In my correspondence with him I endeavored to keep in the background my own outraged feelings, assuming that if I could convince him of error, he would be ready to acknowledge, and himself to remedy it.

Though I have failed in this, it seems to me that the most casual reader will find nothing in the documents Mr. Bancroft has submitted to me which justifies what he has written.

On the other hand, I believe that those who are familiar with the state of public opinion just after the evacuation of Ticonderoga, and who have read at full length those letters of General Schuyler's friends, written to him at that time, (extracts from which form more than half of Mr. Bancroft's authorities,) will be at a loss to conjecture what motive has induced him to venture so far on such an unstable basis.