

Elhan Allen to the Connecticut Assembly  
Haleps Nova Scotia Aug 8. 70

The fear of retaliation has been the sole cause  
of preserving me from an ignominious death  
I have suffered every thing I shoud of it x x x The  
heavy leg irons and handcuffs to be remembered  
my limbs that I expected to have lost these etc;  
but on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January last, having been  
released of them I have recovered my health and  
feebleness of limb, and ardently desire to be  
with you, as I am furnished with adequate and qua-  
lity to revenge both my own and my country's  
wrongs. I am experimentally certain I have  
fortitude sufficient to face the sword of America  
in the place of ~~any~~ danger spread with all  
the horrors of war x x x Provided you can  
hit upon some measure to procure my liberty,  
I will afterwards my days, and freely hazard  
my life in the service of this colony and in  
maintaining the American Empire. I thought  
to have enrolled my name in the list of illas-  
trious American heroes, but was snuffed in  
the bud -

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Heardford -

Aug 11. Major French to Washington  
has written to Gen Howe on the subject of his  
being exchanged for Allen

July

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A brave spirit was abroad among many  
of the patriots not absolutely engaged in  
warfare as to the sacrifices that were to  
be made ~~for~~ at their trying moment, <sup>in</sup> for  
the cause of independence  
~~and~~ John Jay the statesman, member of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> convention of New York, writing to  
Governor Mearns, declared that I have  
vested with