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On overlooking the emotional Intelligence

I was extremely mortified in to see the violent Philistine of Col Talmadge on the floor of Congress against John Gaulding. It is very strange that he ~~Mr~~ ^{the} Talmadge did not make ^{his late} the communication ~~at that time~~ ^{30 years since} ~~but notwithstanding~~ ^{he said} ~~standing any thing which Mr Talmadge~~ ^{say}, but he does not profess to know any thing of the Capture personally and relies upon his memory ~~for~~ ^{for} the Conversation ~~and declaration~~ of Major Andre and his belief of Opinion of the men, who had withstood his offered bribe - I will not say Mr Talmadge has wantonly traduced those three Patriots, yet I do say his ^{remarks} ~~sayings~~ were ill timed and without that ~~act~~ ^{act} of mercy which I ^{if I did not personally know the contrary I should not have written this myself} should ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~heard~~ ^{heard} the story of the Capture from Gaulding 30 years ago and ~~was~~ ^{it and repeatedly} ~~convinced that~~ ^{contradictory} ~~I have heard him~~ ^{always} ~~repeatedly~~ ^{uniform and never deviated} ~~in a~~ ^{in a} ~~small~~ ^{small} ~~circle~~ ^{circle} Gaulding was taken a Prisoner by the British three times during the Revolution. four days before this Capture ^{he} was a Prisoner in the North Church at New York, he leaned the pencil one evening and got out ^{of the City} the next ^{evening} day he crossed the North River ^{in a small canoe} near Bull's ferry ~~he was conducted to General Washington~~ ^{from whence he went to our Army lying} in the rough boat of Tarrytown, crossed the River at her launch point and ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~immediately~~ ^{immediately} on his arrival at Crumpond ^{in the name of Lordboards} went with a party to bow to annoy the Refugees is called; near Tarrytown hint and his

two colleagues Van Hook & Williams, detected Major Andre
upon their stopping him (Andre) He asked them to
what party they belonged, Gaudin who was dressed
in a British uniform coat which his friend
in New York had purchased for him to ~~forward~~^{pass}
his despatch, answered, ^{below} my Dear shows that, Andre
taken by surprise mentioned that he also belonged
to the ~~Lower~~ party and was ~~wish~~^{permitted} to go and not
be detained, Gaudin, if he was convinced that he
belonged to the Lower party, he might pass but
until he had assurances of that fact, he would
detain him, to satisfy them he told them that he
was a British Officer and that he had a plan
of Fort Mifflin and all its dependencies.
Then it was they undressed him, upon which
Andre showed them Arnold's pass, and ^{said} that he
had only mentioned his being a British Officer as a simple
fact they might have belonged to the British Army, They then
took him to a piece of wood and examined him & in his boots
the papers were found. When Andre found himself detected he
made offers to them to give them any sum of money they would
~~demanded~~^{offer} which convinced them of the importance of ^{his} character
and ~~found~~^{perceived} that he was a spy, ~~and proposed to~~ They immediately
took him to Col Sumner's at whose Quarters they arrived in
the night and delivered him to Sumner with the detected papers
- a few days afterwards General Washington sent for these
three valuable men and showed them every mark of attention
at Head Quarters, If they had been those depraved fellows