

Reminiscences of the Revolutionary War -

The following communication I have frequently ~~had~~ related by Governor George Clinton - The truth of which is unquestionable - The Patriots at that day acted for the good of the Country - There was no not committal act - The Country - The Salvation of the Country was the only motive of the Patriots - The Spoils of War was not known in those patriotic days - That was reserved for the present day - When the Spoils belonged to the Victors, as a Senate from the State of New York declared on the floor of the Senate of the United States

When General Washington had his head Quarters at Newburgh in 1781 - The Army was on the Eve of dissolution and nothing could sustain it but obtaining One hundred Thousand pounds \$250 - in Gold or Silver - He felt the great embarrassment in which he was placed and sent confidential spies on Long Island to know whether that amount could be raised on any circumstances - They returned & informed the General that it could be obtained if Governor George Clinton would give his individual notes for the money - The General immediately on this information repaired in his barge tooughkeepsie where the Governor resided - General Washington walked on from the Landing to the Governor Clinton, House - about One mile - On his arrival he told the Governor he came on the most important business & retired in a private room - The General then told the Governor that He must have One hundred Thousand pounds in specie or the Army would be demolished and before the Governor could reply the General said You must get this money to save the Army - It can be obtained from individual persons on Long Island, I have had Agents sent there & I know the fact - The money can only be paid by your giving your individual notes - The Governor in reply told the General that if it could be obtained in that way he was ready to do every thing in his power - ^{to save the country & Army} - The General then suggested that the Governor should send One or two Confidential Agents to Long Island & find out whether such a sum could be obtained or not - The General further told the Governor in case the money could be had - He the General would give orders that Col. Shermans Regt of Horse stationed at Horse Neck should be ordered to march there in order to give the Governor a genteel support to come on immediately tooughkeepsie without any let or annoyance by our troops

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