

Secret Reminiscences of the Revolution not heretofore
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In The Spring of 1780 or 1781 - When Genl Washington
had his Head Quarters at Newburgh & Governor George
Clinton resided at Camp Achenzie - Genl Washington paid
a visit to The Governor, he came from Newburgh
in his Barge, walked on from The Landing to The
Governor's Residence nearly one mile from The Landing
The first greeting, were over between them & The
Governor then requested a private Audience, They retired
to a private Room, When The General informed The
Governor That The American Army was on The Brink
of dissolution & if he could not get one hundred thousand
sundry Goods in 1 week, The greatest disaster would
ensue - The Governor inquired much details
on The Crisis But To avoid The Calamity he
could not advise - The General told him, You
can save The Army, You can furnish The Money
I have had my Eyes on Long Island & not only one
hundred thousand pounds but double that amount,
you can obtain by your individual notes, The way
I propose is This, That you send a confidential Agent
known well to the Inhabitants of Queens & Kings Counties
Let him go as a merchant to buy Goods (as They were
then still London Traders) Let that be his avowed
Object in doing which he can find out who will lend
their money for The benefit of our Army, Let him bring
over his Goods & I will facilitate it that There shall
be no obstructions to our Troops I will Order Col. Sheldon's
Regt of Dragoons to move from Horse Neck to New Hudson
When your Agent returns with his Goods He will inform

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you whether he can obtain the money required on your
individual notes - The Governor immediately sent two
confidential friends - Robert Williams & Aspinwall Cornell
both refugees from ~~Long~~ Queens County on this Embassy
They were not long in ascertaining that the money could
be obtained - The Governor gave them a number of
blank notes signed with his name promising to pay
~~blank notes~~ To the Person loaning the money
at the expiration of the war of the Revolution at
five per cent interest - These ~~blank notes~~ ^{blank notes} were
in the hands of these faithful agents a multitude of
notes in his hand writing signed with his name
to be filled up as they received the amounts, They
went to Long Island where the one hundred thousand
ounds and brought it safe to Governor Clinton who
instantly took it to Genl Washington which saved
the American Army from depolation - It is to be
remembered that most of this money were paid to
the Agents employed in the night time, sometimes
in the woods or they stuck in other places of secrecy
their accounts turned to a pistol as the Governor
has said on the Jellmark of his notes when money
was stored in his hands by the Continental Congress
to redeem them - In the year 1784 - Governor Clinton
took a ride to the East ^{End} of Long Island - he spent at
a house in Queens County the next morning he
enquired whether he was in the neighbourhood of a
certain Person (whose name is not recd) that he must
call & see him, The Gentleman ~~with whom~~ at whom

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House he had remained during the night
woman, that against visiting that Tony
God of you so you will injure your popularity
The Governor paid no regard to the admittance which
called at the house & inquired of the Lady where
his husband was she sent for him & on his appearance
the Gov^t took him most cordially by the hand, and
said he was happy to have that pleasure, The Gentleman
who accompanied the Governor was astonished at this
more than common familiarity & particularly when
the Gentleman did not know who it was that ap-
peared so happy to see him &c &c
Sir I don't know you - The Governor replied
you have a nice of paper with my hand writing
bring it & convince these Gentlemen why I meet
you with such kindness - He replied this must be
Gov^t Clinton - He produced the paper which was
a check given by George Clinton for £1000 - to
being a part of the One hundred thousand pounds Gov^t
Clinton promised for the American Army -



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