

John Bawling is of a very respectable family in The County of West Chester, he was taken Prisoner by The British three times during The Revolutionary war, Four days before he detected Major Andre he was a Prisoner in The Crook Church in The City of New York - The Prisoners were permitted by the British to walk in The yard, One Evening just before The time of locking them up for The night, he watched his opportunity when The Centinels back was towards him to leap The fence into The yard of an adjacent House from which he retired to The House of a friend who secreted him for that night, purchased him a British uniform to favor his escape out of The City which he effected the following Evening by crossing The Hudson in a small Canoe from Bloomingdale to The Jersey shore and Early the next morning found himself with our Army which were posted at The English Neighbourhood and at Papoon - He recrossed The Hudson at Berplanch point and on his arrival at Cummpond in The Manor of Cortlandt joined a Party going below on a scout When near Tarry Town in The Manor of Philipsburgh these three young men took post on The Coast road to intercept marching parties of The British -

The Capture of Andre is detailed pretty accurately in Marshall's Life of Washington which no doubt Judge Marshall must have found among General Washington's papers, and The exalted Character given by General Hamilton of these three young men who captured Andre in a letter to his friend at the very time of The Transaction must be conclusive of Their disinterested patriotism - Hamilton was with Andre the greater part of his Confinement, and it is highly probable that Andre would sooner communicate his sentiments and opinions to him who was the accomplished scholar, the amiable and ~~polished~~ ^{polished} Gentleman in his manner, and endowed with so much wisdom and merit and ~~with~~ the Confidence of the great Washington - Rather than to a man little known in The Army either for his Talents or for any services he had rendered his Country

by his military captivities. If Andre had enter-
tained that opinion of those young men, no doubt he
would have mentioned it to Hamilton, & he certainly
would have communicated it to the Commander
in Chief who was ^{then} paying them every attention at
Head Quarters, and dining them at his Table, indeed
the Major Generals of our Army, General Greene, Baron Moun-
tain, Knox, La Fayette &c. &c. were vying with each
other ^{who} should have the honor of entertaining them —
There ~~was~~ ^{were} facts notorious at that day —

Tallmadge could have given a better ^{good} narrative of
the arts practised in smuggling British ^{goods} within our
Lines and the wanton depredations committed on the
defenseless Inhabitants of Long Island — The Regiment
to which he belonged was stationed the greater part of
the war along the Sound and gave him an opportunity
to know something of those transactions —

Gaulding has fifteen living Children, is very poor
and so infirm ~~owing~~ ^{owing} to a fit of the Gally some
years since and other Complaints ^{as} under him
unfit for manual labor — One of his sons, Hiram
was a midshipman with Commodore M^t. Donough
in the memorable action on Lake Champlain —
and although only seventeen years old behaved with
the utmost Gallantry and received three small wounds
during the engagement —

Q The British Uniform Gaulding procured to favor him
brought from New York, he wore the Day he took Andre &
which in a great measure decided Andre —