Benedict Arnold



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Benedict Arnold Portrait, online courtesy Library of Congress.

I rejoice in the opportunity I have of inviting you to join His Majesty's Arms.

Benedict Arnold,

<u>Proclamation</u> to the Continental Army

October 20, 1780

At the beginning of September, 1780 <u>Benedict Arnold</u> was a <u>Major General</u> in the Continental Army. His assignment? The command of <u>West Point</u>, a strategically important American fort on the <u>Hudson River</u>.

By the end of the month, he was a traitor who had tried to sell out his country, his fort and his men. His price? Twenty thousand pounds sterling (worth about \$1 million today).

What caused this twice-wounded Revolutionary War hero to commit treason? Who was this man whose very name means "traitor" to an American?

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Benedict Arnold - From Hero to Traitor

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