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

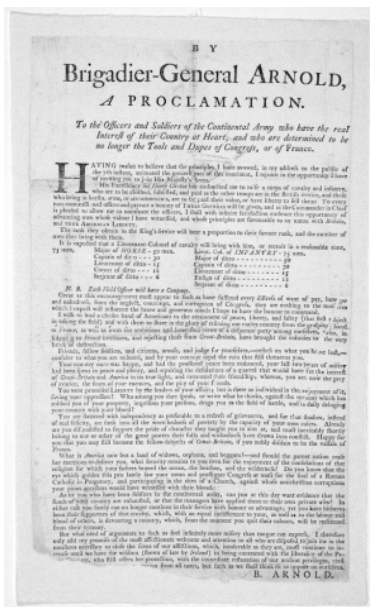
Benedict Arnold,
Proclamation to the Continental Army
October 20, 1780

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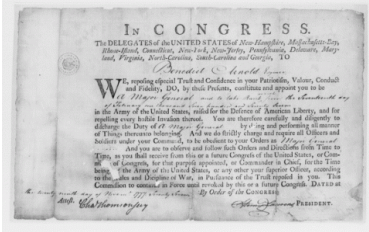


Benedict Arnold: Continental Army General

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Benedict Arnold - From Hero to Traitor

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