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Tionderoga Oct. 30th 1776

My Dear Colonel


Your agreeable favour of the 17th
I received, the 20th since which, every moment of my
Time has been employ'd, in preparing for the Enemy
whom, we have daily expected, you will excuse my
Not answering you sooner — I am, very happy
to find Congress, have rewarded, your, long Services
with an Appointment, agreeable to you, I heartily
wish they were more careful in rewarding Merit,
& Merit only. — I am much obliged to you
for the Concern, you express for me, Thank God
I am, hearty, & almost recovered from my violent
Fatigue — which exercise has contributed much
to, we are oblig'd to be very Alert, & Vigilant, much
was to be done when, I returned, very few Guns were
mounted, the Works, far from being completed,
the People have been exceedingly Industrious, we
are now, in a Condition to meet the Enemy, who
I make no Doubt will be here the first fair wind

Two days since a large Party came
within three miles of us to reconnoitre, & sound
the Channel, — a Boom of large logs is
laid across the Lake, & a Bridge from Ty, to
M^t Independence, — upwards of one Thousand
Militia have Review, & are daily coming
In, I hope we shall soon have the pleasure
seeing you here, the Season grows over the
Campaign must be shorten I hope & bel
It will be prosperous —

Please to make my respects
Compl^t to Gen^l. Schuyler, & the Ladies

I am D^r Sir

Your affectionate Son
& Humble Serv^t

P^r Arnold


Colonel Vanick

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Please to make my [illegible] Comp[liments] to Genl. Schuyler & the Ladies.

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B. Arnold

N.B. Some punctuation has been added or removed to enhance clarity.