

A Revolutionary War

State of the Union (Late 1775)

- Patriotic fervor ↑; 10K soldiers enlist in Continental army + 7K in local militias
- Low on supplies (Remember Bunker Hill?)
- Winter is coming...

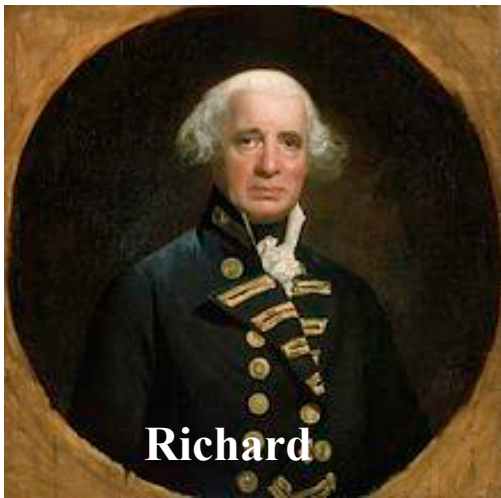


Ft. Ticonderoga



Howe(s) vs. Washington

- 1776 British forces: 55K + 30K German **Hessians**
- Howe Brothers: Gen. William; Adm. Richard→ Take Long Island and Manhattan
- Washington retreats w/ Prussians to PA→ Surprise attack at **Trenton** on Christmas Day, taking 900 prisoners→ @ Princeton, he wins again→ Hope.
- Howe takes Philadelphia and Germantown by Sept. 1777, but it's only a small amount of territory

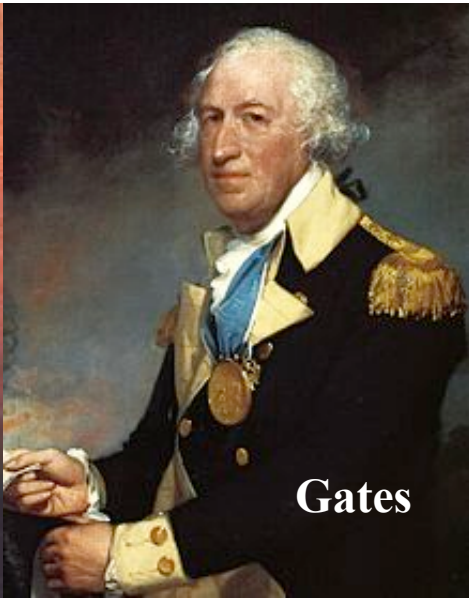


Turning Point: Saratoga

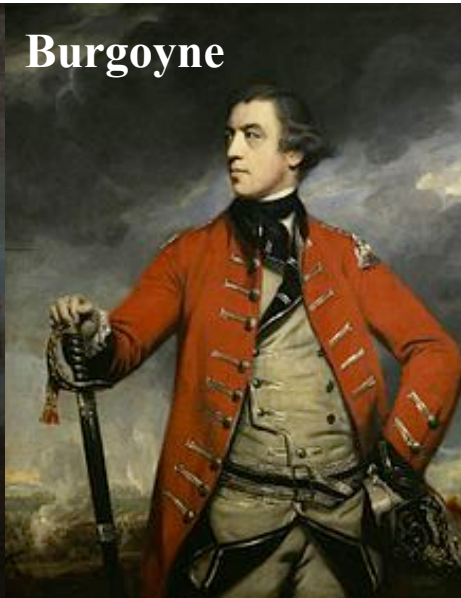
- 10/17/1777 – Arnold and Gates def. Burgoyne
 - French enter the war w/Col. b/c of **Ben Franklin**; For. Min. **Vergennes** fears Col./UK reunion.
 - Spain still does not enter (fear of losing colonies)
 - UK gives in to all colonial demands in order to make peace (no tax w/o rep, Intolerable Acts repealed, etc.) → **TOO LATE!**



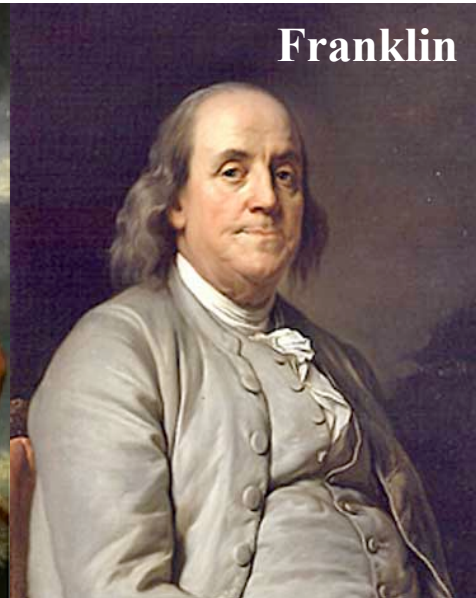
Arnold



Gates



Burgoyne



Franklin

Tenuous Advantage

- Valley Forge (1777-78) – Wash. hunkered down, but Howe too weak and destabilized to attack; Prussian **Baron von Steuben** helps train troops
- Spring '78 – Clinton takes command from Howe & told to go South toward more loyalists
- Meanwhile, 4K French troops arrive, but are needed in West Indies, then go home



- Clinton takes Charles Town, SC (May 1780); **Gen. Cornwallis** leads assault on South → Greene & Morgan provide resistance and turn Brits North →
- Meanwhile, Arnold, bitter b/c passed over for promotion, in cahoots w/Brits to turn over **West Point, NY** in exchange for high office → intercepted → Arnold flees (convicted of treason)



Cornwallis



Greene

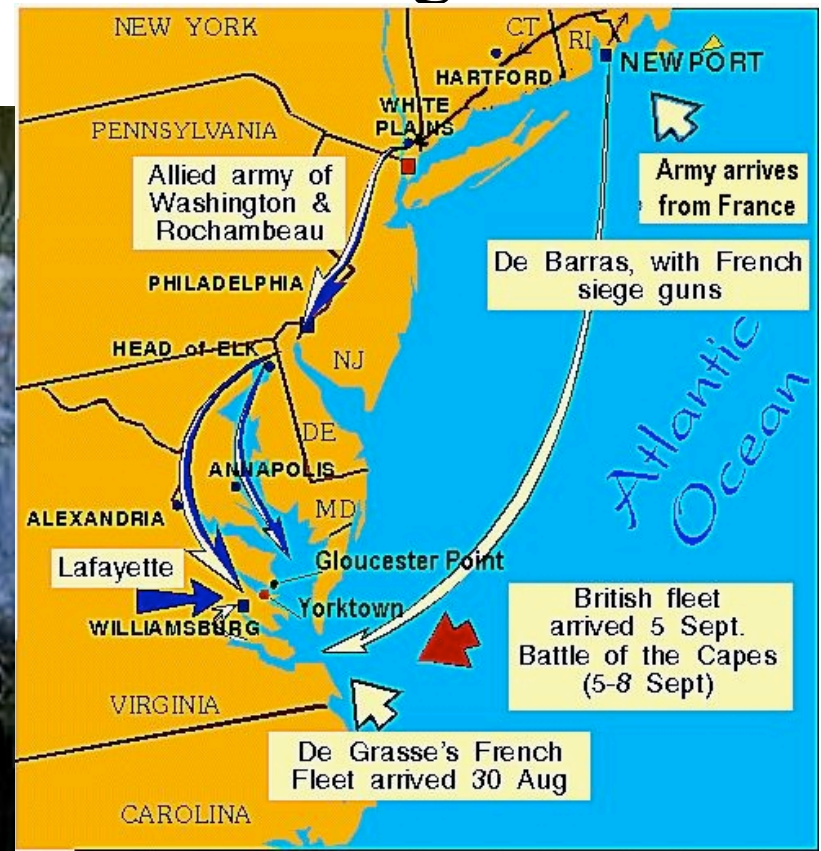
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Hamm Sep. 22^d - 1780*

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Guard to the White Plains, or below
if the Chms. He being on Public
Business by my Direction*

B. Arnold M^ger

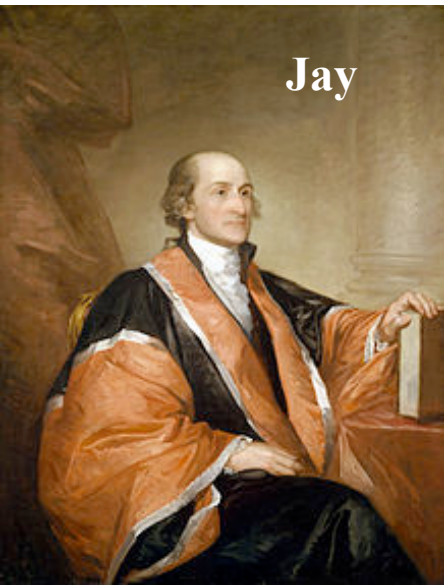
Final Battle: Yorktown

- Aug. 1781 – FRA Adm. DeGrasse leads 20 warships
- By 10/19/1781, DeGrasse, Barras (FRA), and Washington surround Cornwallis → surrender
- Delay in treaty due to Spanish meddling over **Gibraltar**



Treaty of Paris (9/3/1783)

- John Jay, Henry Laurens, Franklin, Adams negotiate secretly w/UK (and not France)→ diplomatic coup
- US Gains: Independence, All land E. of Mississippi,
- FRA Gains: Territory in Americas, Africa & India
- ESP Gains: Florida (returned), Minorca
- UK Gains: Canada



Jay



Laurens



