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End Notes

1. This article was written by Frank J. Rafalko, Chief Community Training Branch, National Counterintelligence Center.

2. Thomas Hutchinson came from a prominent New England family. In 1737, despite his family’s admonishment to him about going into politics, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representative. He later served as Chief Justice of the colony and then royal governor.

3. Francis Bernard was the nephew of Lord Barrington, the secretary of state for war in London. Barrington arranged for Bernard to be appointed as royal governor of New Jersey, but after two years Bernard move to Massachusetts to become royal governor there. He was recalled to London in 1769.

4. Dr. Benjamin Church.


9. Godfrey Wainwood or Wenwood, Letter from Washington to the President of Congress, October 5, 1775.

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11. The 28th article of war provided that anyone caught communicating with the enemy should suffer such punishment as a court martial might direct. Unfortunately for those who favored hanging Dr. Church, article 51 stated that such punishment was limited to thirty-nine lashes, or a fine of two months’ pay, and/or cashiering from the service.

12. Letter from George Washington to Governor Jonathan Trumball, November 15, 1775 in which Washington inserted the resolve of Congress he received from John Hancock regarding Church.

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14. Col. Jacobus Swartwout (d.1826), commander of the 2d Dutchess County Regiment of Minute Men.

15. Johnathan Fowler.


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24. Dr. Edward Bancroft to the Most Honorable Marquis of Carmarthen, September 17, 1784, Samuel F. Bemis,

25. There was no organization within the government known as the British Secret Service. Intelligence collection was conducted by major figures within the Foreign Ministry or military for their own purposes. In this respect, Eden was probably in charge of a small group of intelligence collectors for Lord Suffolk.

26. Dr. Edward Bancroft to the Most Honorable Marquis of Carmarthen, September 17, 1784, op. cit., p. 493.


28. Jacob Bankson was one of Washington’s spies.

29. Thomas Shanks, formerly an ensign of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. He had been cashiered Oct. 12, 1777, for stealing shoes.

30. The board voted 10 to 4 that he was a spy and 8 to 6 that he ought to suffer death.

31. Elijah Hunter, assistant commissary of forage, at Bedford, N.Y.

32. Elijah Hunter. In the draft he is designated “H——.”


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35. Smith obtained this information which he communicated to Eden in “Information obtained by Lt. Col. Smith during the six weeks of his intercourse with Capt. Hyson, in February and March 1777,” Mar 27-28, 1777, Stephens’s Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America, 1773-1783, no. 670.