

Pass for Joshua Smith, 1780, side 1 of 2

Head Quarters Robinsons
New York Sept. 21st 1780

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Side one of two of a pass for Joshua Hett Smith to carry private letters for gentlemen in New York. Smith was later charged by American Major General Benedict Arnold to escort British Major John André across American lines. The pass is signed by Arnold.; Benedict Arnold escaped to New York City, eventually commanding British troops in the American Revolution. He died in exile in London, on June 14, 1801.; The pass reads "Permission is granted to Joshua Smith, Esq., to go to Dobbs's Ferry with three Men and a Boy with a Flag to carry some Letters of a private Nature for Gentlemen in New York, and to Return immediately.;" B. ARNOLD, M. Gen'l.; "N.B. – He has permission to go at such hours and times as the tide and his business suits.;" Major André was working with American Major General Benedict Arnold. Major Arnold was attempting to help the British capture the fort at West Point. As Major André was heading towards the British lines with documents given to him by Major Arnold tucked in his boot, he was captured, near Tarrytown, on September 23, 1780.; André was hanged as a spy, at Tappan on October 2, 1780.

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