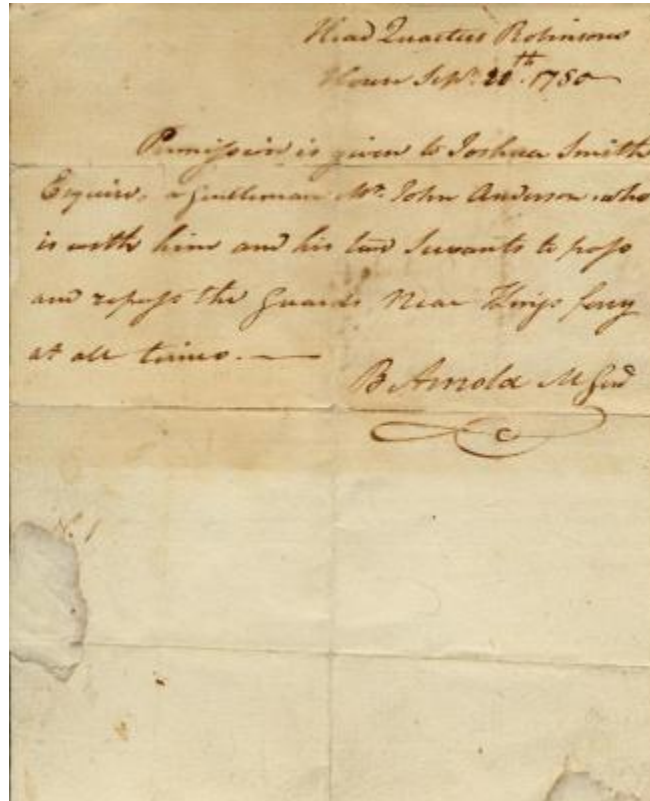


Pass for Joshua Smith and John Anderson, 1780



A pass for Joshua Smith and John Anderson to cross at Kings Ferry found on British Major John André at the time of his capture by the Americans, during the American Revolution. The pass was written from the head-quarters at Robinson House, and signed by Benedict Arnold. The pass reads "Permission is given to Joshua Smith, Esquire, a gentleman, Mr. John Anderson, who is with him, and his two servants, to pass and repass the guards near King's Ferry at all times.;" Joshua Hett Smith was charged by Benedict Arnold to escort Major André across American lines.; Major André was working with American Major General Benedict Arnold, who was attempting to help the British capture the fort at West Point. As André was heading towards the British lines with documents given to him by 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.; 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.

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