

In Congress Novr. 3, 1780

The committee to whom was referred General Washington's letter of 7th of Octr. delivered in a report, which being read, Congress came to the following resolution.

Whereas Congress have on that John Paulding, David William, and Isaac Van Wart, three young *volunteers residing*, in the State of New York, did on the 23d day of Septr. last, interrupt Major John Andre Adjutant Genl. of the British Army, on his return from the American lines in the character of a spy, and notwithstanding the large bribes offered them for his release, nobly distaining to sacrifice their country for the sake of gold, secured and conveyed him to the commanding officer of the district whereby the dangerous and traitorous conspiracy of Benedict Arnold was brought to light insidious designs of the enemy baffled and the United States rescued from impending danger.

Resolved

That Congress have a high sense of the virtuous and patriotic conduct of the said John Paulding, David Williams and Isaac Van Wart.

In testimony whereof

Ordered, that each of them receive out of the public treasury \$200 in specie or an equivalent in the current money of these states during life; and that the Board of War procure for each of them a silver medal on one side of which shall be a shield with this inscription: **Fidelity**, and on the other the following motto: **Vincit Amor Patriae**, and forward them to the Commander in Chief who is requested to present the same with a copy of this resolution and the thanks of Congress for their fidelity, and eminent service they have rendered their country.

.....From the minutes Chas Thomson...

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