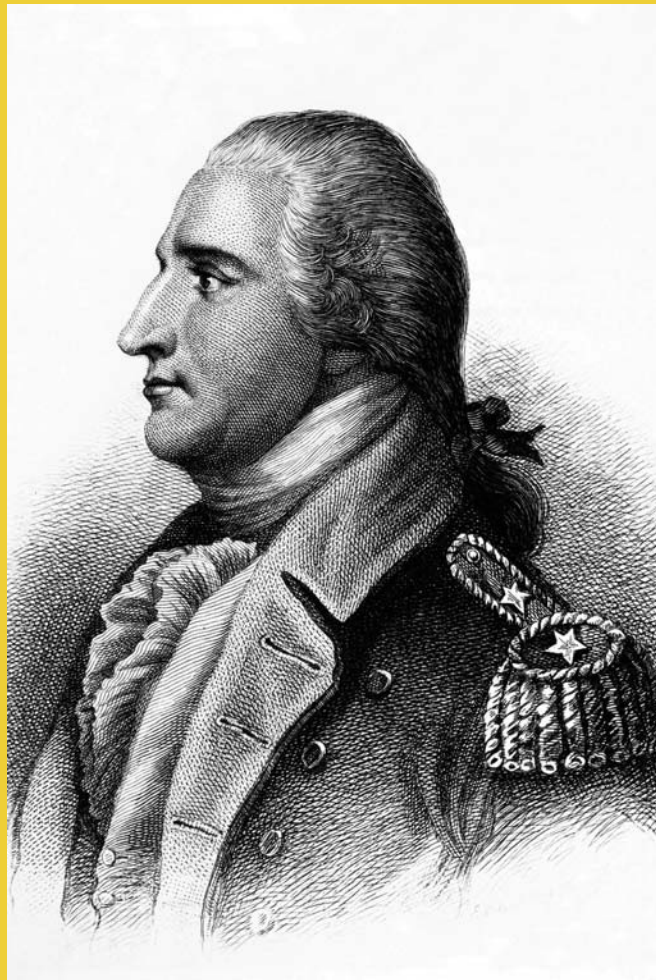


“Treason of the blackest dye”

Benedict Arnold, West Point Fort Commander 1780

The traitorous tale of Benedict Arnold, in which he attempted to sell his country for the highest price, is a well known slice of American history. To his contemporaries though, Arnold was one of the greatest combat heroes of the Revolution. Washington, himself, placed Arnold as his most dependable leader and decisive warrior. It is precisely this reason that the sting of his infamy will forever be marked in history as “treason of the blackest dye.”



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The House

The Beverly Robinson House, located on the east shore of the Hudson, was Arnold’s headquarters while in command at West Point. Located at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain, approximately a mile down river from this view, Arnold had expressly chosen the site with escape in mind. Originally owned by Beverly Robinson, a British Loyalist who had led an attack upon Fort Clinton, the house was destroyed by fire in 1892.

The Treason

On the morning of September 24, 1780, Arnold and Major Andre’s plot to pass on papers of West Point defenses to the British unravelled, when Andre was caught by a trio of militiamen enroute. Arnold, who was breakfasting with aides of General Washington, learned by post that his plot had been discovered. With perfect sangfroid, he excused himself from the table, said goodbye to his distraught wife, and fled via the British sloop, *The Vulture*, awaiting his arrival in the Hudson. A replica of the ship can be viewed in the West Point Museum.