ORIGINAL WATER-COLOR PLAN

Made by Colonel John Trumbull in Fort Ticonderoga, August, 1776, by order of General Washington. It was sent to Congress accompanied by a memorial urging the abandonment of Fort Independence and the occupation of Mount Defiance. This was not done and General Burgoyne the following year captured Fort Ticonderoga by carrying guns to the summit of Mount Defiance. This position so commanded Fort Ticonderoga that the Americans immediately abandoned it.

Colonel John Trumbull had been transferred from General Washington’s staff to be Adjutant-General at Ticonderoga.

See Trumbull’s Autobiography pp. 29-33.