

George Bancroft to Andrew Jackson, November 11, 1841, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Boston, November 11, 1841.

My dear Sir, I am preparing a history of the American Revolution. The period covers the years of your own boyhood and early life. May I beg of you materials which will enable me to introduce your name in that history. You would oblige me by giving me copious details of the trials, the hardships, and the actions of your early years. I wish to be able to draw with exact truth and fidelity a picture of the orphan boy, thrown out to combat the world, and having heroism enough to combat 0151 127 the enemies of his country also. For this purpose I need precise, specific details of your early condition. By furnishing these details for my use, I am sure you will enable me to confer a benefit on the community.

Our elections in Massachusetts have gone pretty well. Last year the Whigs had a majority of fifteen thousand for governor, of twenty thousand for President. This year their majority is about two thousand. How must the re-action in the community have carried joy to your heart. I assure you, in our public meetings, it has been one of the sources of exultation to think of the light and happiness which the triumphs of democracy must gather round you.

With highest respect