

# TRANSCRIPTION

## General Cornwallis Was Paroled, October 28, 1781

[C]harles\* Earl Cornwallis Lieutenant General [of his Brita]nnick Majesty's Forces.

Do acknowledge myself a Prisoner of War to the [United] States of America, & having permission\*\* from His [Excellenc]y General Washington agreeable to Capitulation to proceed to New York & Charlestown, or either, & to Europe,

Do pledge my Faith & Word of Honor, that I will not do or say any thing injurious to the said United States or Armies thereof or their Allies, untill duly exchanged; I do further promise that Whenever required, by the Commander in Chief of the American Army, or the Commissary of Prisoners for the same, I will repair to such Place or Places as they or [e]ither of them may require.—

Given under my Hand at York Town 28th day of October 1781—

CORNWALLIS

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\* This document has slight tears along the left side, which obliterate a portion of the text.

\*\* The writer of this document (probably a secretary or a clerk) used the long or leading *s*, a character that looks similar to an "f" but is used as an "s."

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