

In-Archives Handout

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Group 4: Revolutionary War

An inventory of stock taken from Benjamin Sands, September 16, 1776; Sands family papers, ARC.096, box 1, folder 5; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. What kinds of things did Benjamin Sands report confiscated by the military?
2. How many nights did people board (stay) on his property?
3. What was the total value? Use an online historical currency calculator to convert this amount to today's dollars.

Henry Onderdonk Jr. Documents and Letters Intended to Illustrate the Revolutionary Incidents of Queens County, N.Y., 1884; Henry Onderdonk papers, ARC.045, box 1, folder 5; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Page 16: What is this printed document based on?
2. What kinds of things did the farmers in Brooklyn provide to the British? Describe the relationship between the British and the Brooklyn farmers.