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As the defeat of Continental forces in Quebec became a reality, the attention of Congressional leaders was drawn fully into the search for an explanation for that defeat. Some, like John Adams and Richard Henry Lee, adopted a deus ex machina approach, specifically blaming the outbreak of smallpox that ravaged Continental troops outside the walls of Quebec City for the failure of American arms. Most others, however, laid the blame for the Continental defeat in Quebec elsewhere. Quebec, 1775: The American Invasion of Canada. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2004. Smith, Justin Harvey.