In July of 1777, delegates of settlements within the Grants met in Windsor, Vermont, to declare its own statehood; simultaneously, the British were confronting the American and Vermont troops in a small town named Hubbardton. This paper examines how the effects of two enemies—the British and the State of New York, who claimed that the land of Vermont was theirs—shaped the towns and settlements of the area that would be formed into Rutland County by acts of political forces and how the villages reacted. Among primary sources analyzed are town histories, most notably Abby Maria Hemenway’s Vermont Gazetteer, which includes recollections from citizens of the times, state papers and minutes in Records of the Council of Safety and Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, and a Rutland Herald article which tells a story of murder in the search for Loyalists. Through research, the Republic of Vermont seized its opportunity to flex its muscle by challenging the British and New Yorkers; in Rutland County, settlers dealt with invasion, land seizures, Yorkers, Loyalists, and other forces valiantly. The situations in Rutland County are a microcosm of the widely known struggle for independence by the Republic of Vermont.