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***STORIES OF  
THE DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE***

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# QUOTES FROM PORTIA

May 25, 2016

“And every nation in its core has a foundation based upon its founding documents.....within these United States of America.... these documents are The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Many...know not that the founding fathers and mothers—sponsored by the Lord God himself through cosmic emissaries—originated and co-created the vision through these documents that would be the nexus through which the truth, the life and the way would be made plain for all citizens abiding here for centuries to come. “

“... I adjure you....to read, in their entirety, these documents; to know them inside and out; to study them, even within your study groups, to ascertain how you can be an advocate for both cosmic law and justice within this world.”

Portia      May 25, 2016

**QUOTES  
FROM  
GODFRE**

**9/02/2011  
&  
2/22/2017**



“....there is a rewriting of the history of this nation from the viewpoint of those who would alter its destiny by hiding that which we invested so much of our energy within....”

“Yes, we strove to set forth an agenda for centuries through our proclamations, through The Declaration of Independence... Yet how many among you know [it] from beginning to end such that you ... may defend that which is your nation's purpose through its founding documents?

Godfre 9/02/2011; 2/22/2017

**THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES, 1775**



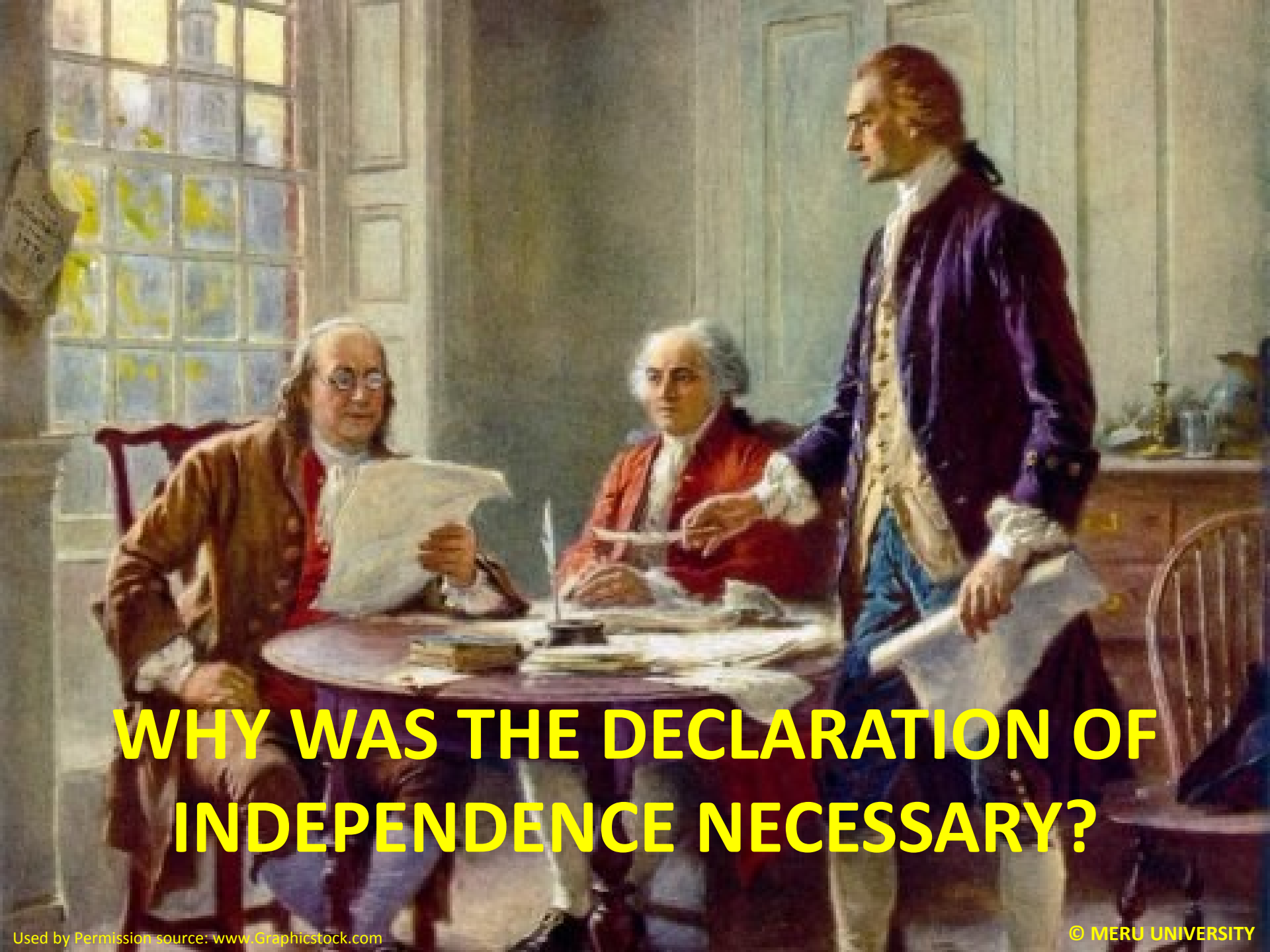
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**Legend**

— Colonial boundaries



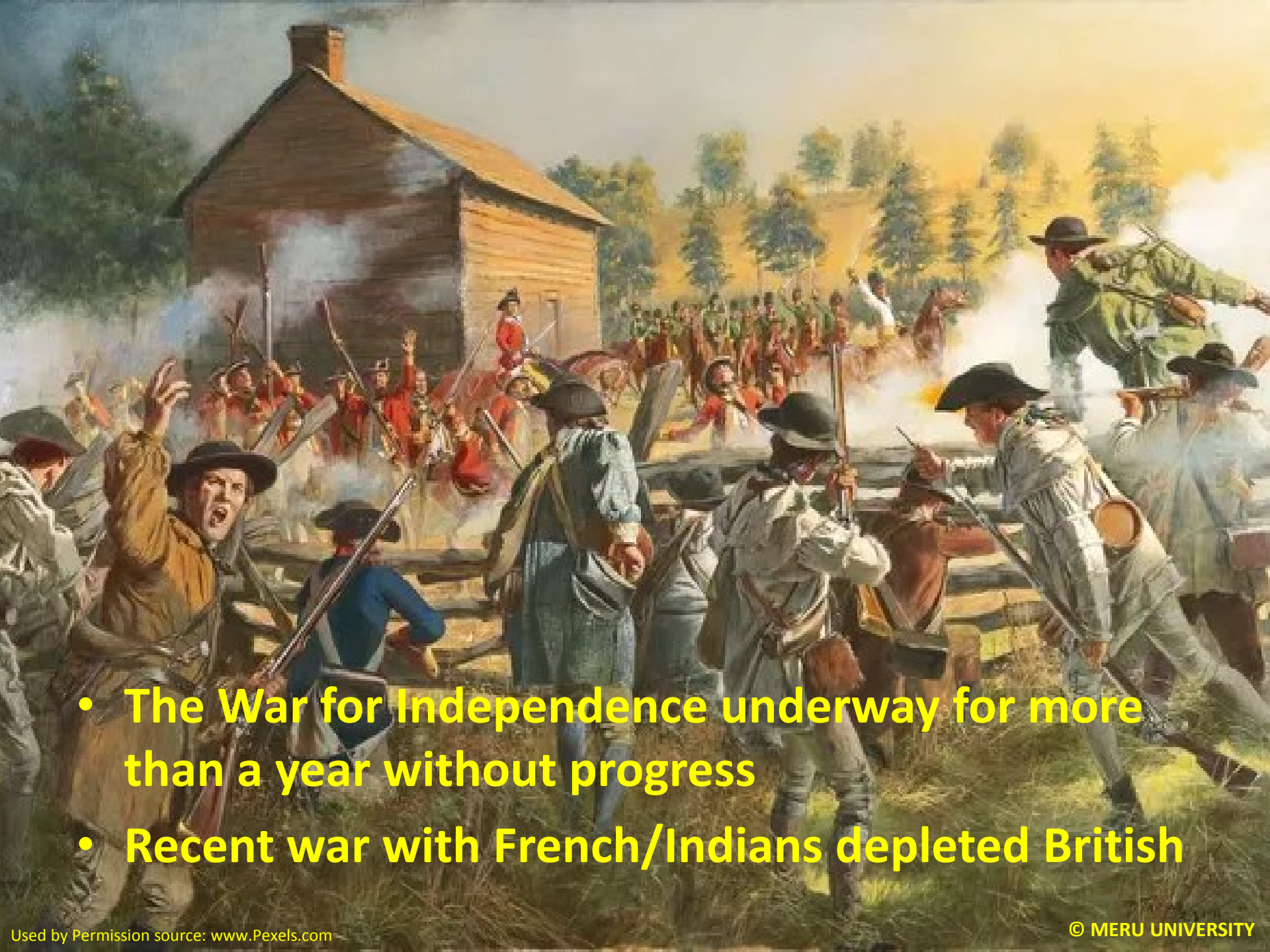




# WHY WAS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NECESSARY?

# Background – Uprisings/Rumblings





- **The War for Independence underway for more than a year without progress**
- **Recent war with French/Indians depleted British**



- King George increased laws prohibiting and restricting colonists' freedoms
- Secret Committees formed and had 1<sup>st</sup> convention May, 1774 with 12 of 13 colonies



# Boston Massacre of 1770



**THREW TEA INTO HARBOR**



**BECAUSE THEY ONLY WANTED LIBER-TEA**

THE DESTRUCTION OF TEA AT BOSTON HARBOR

# First Formed Colonial Congress

## September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1774





Revolutionary Colonists request the same rights as the English.





Brit. Gen. Thomas Gage attacked and killed 77 colonists in Concord, Mass. April 18, 1775

**WAR FOR  
INDEPENDENCE  
OFFICIAL  
AS OF APRIL 19,  
1775**

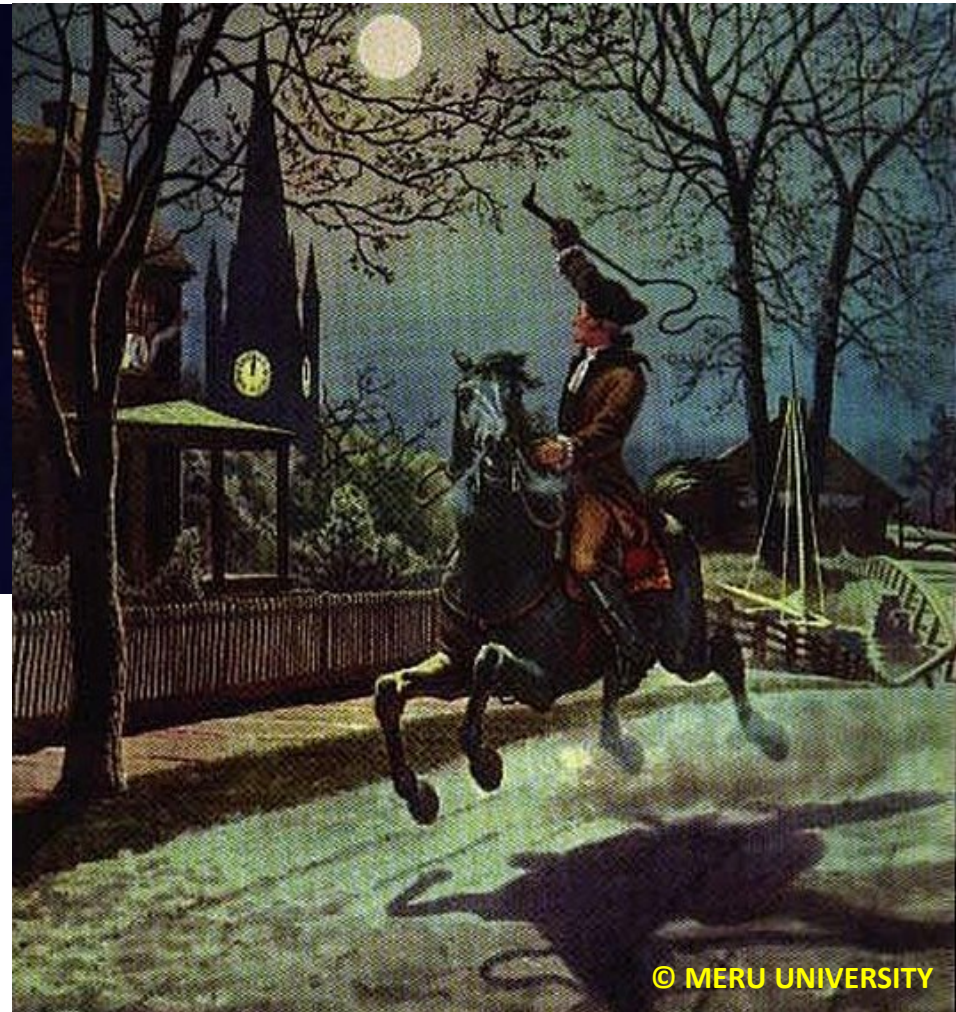
# The crisis of April 18, 1775



# Paul Revere's Ride



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# Second Continental Congress May 10, 1775



# George Washington Commander 1775

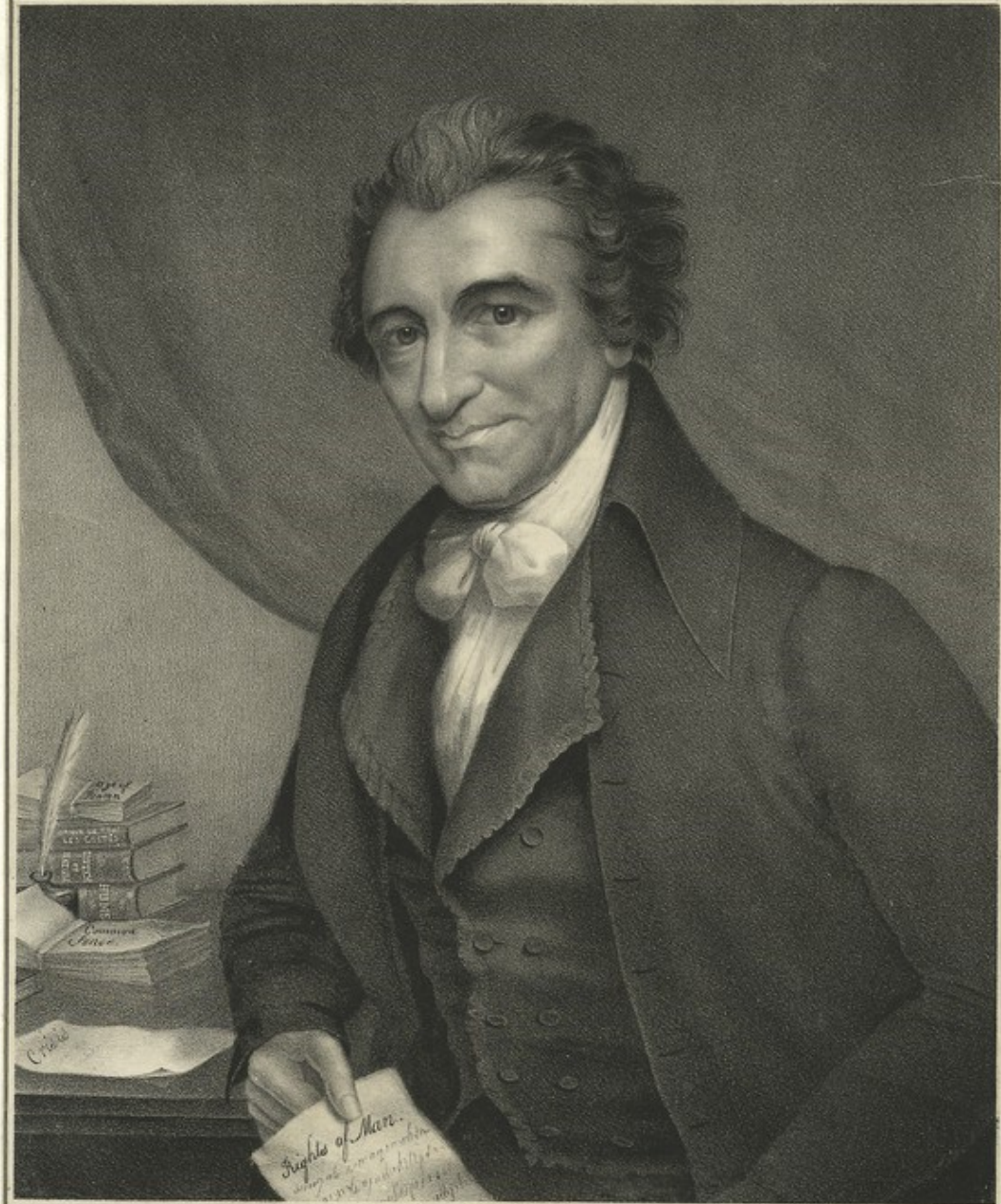


- **Second Continental Congress May 10, 1775**

- **July 1775 Olive Branch Petition**

“That your Majesty may enjoy long and prosperous reign, and that your descendants may govern your Dominions with honour to themselves and happiness to their subjects, is our sincere prayer.”





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*Thomas Paine*

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COMMON  
SENSE



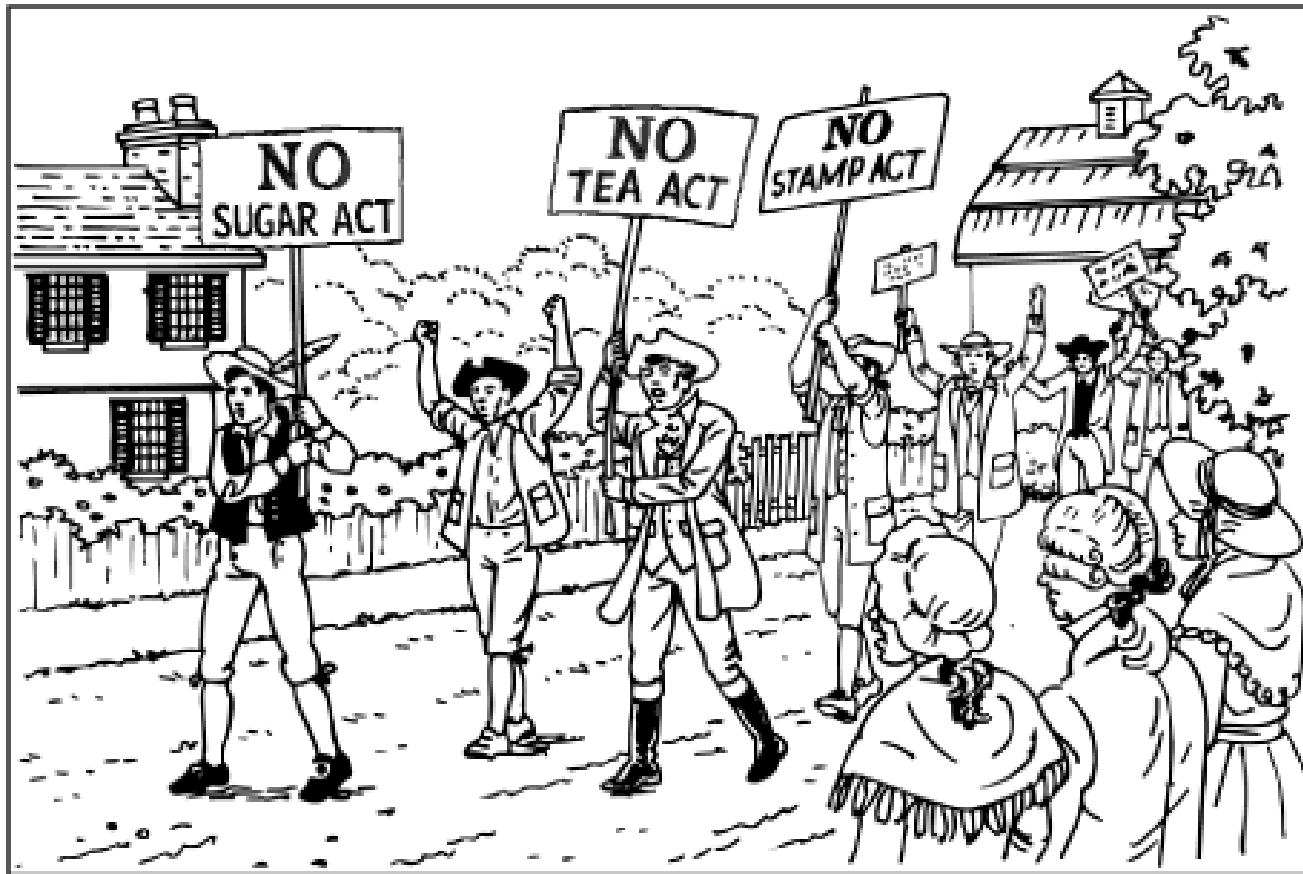
THOMAS PAINE



INTRODUCTION BY RICHARD BEEMAN



# What did King George think of the American colonists?



He thought they were revolting!

# MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE



**“...that these United Colonies are, and of right to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved!!”**

**from The Declaration of Independence**





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# THE DECLARATION COMMITTEE.

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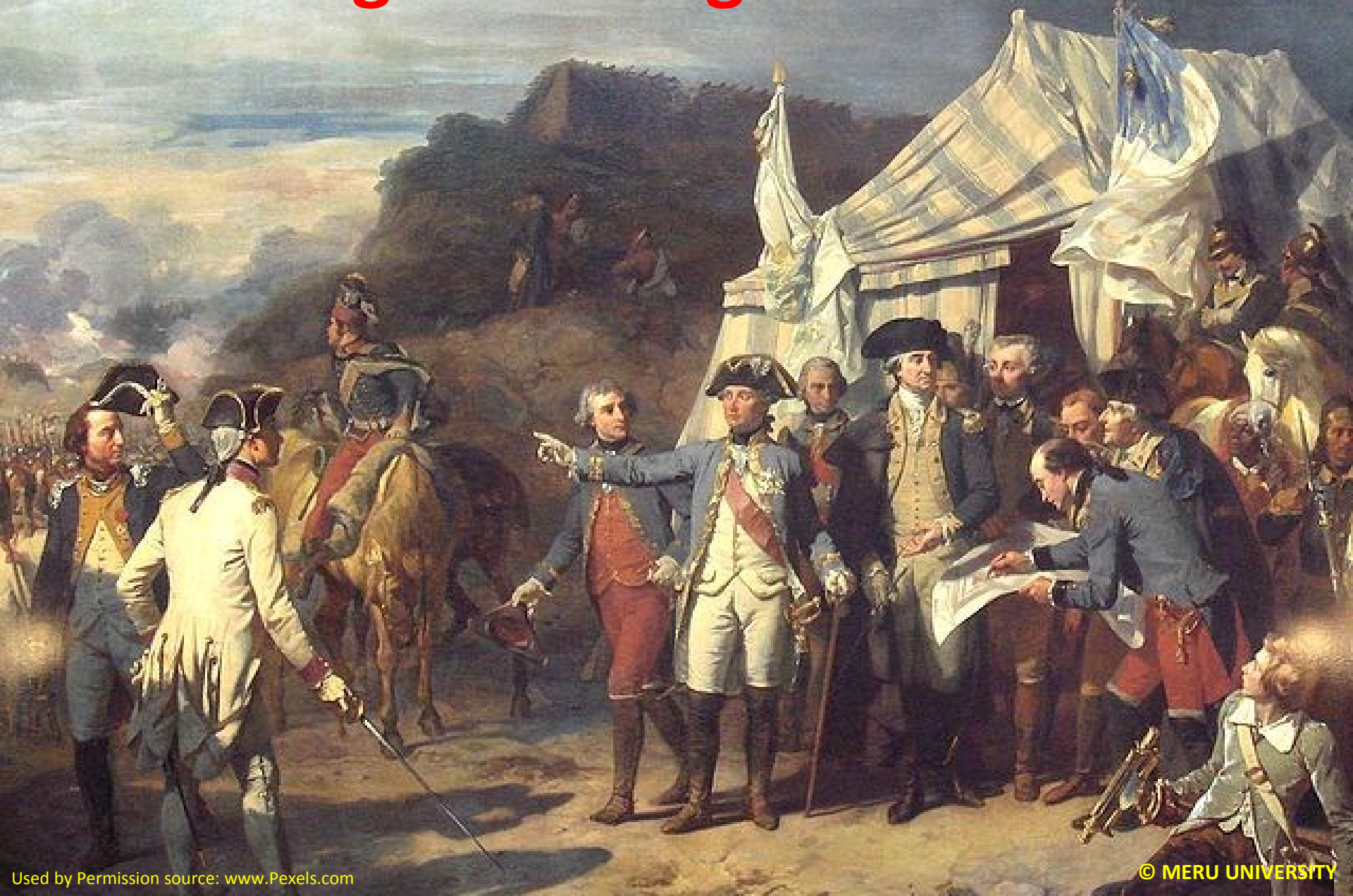
# COUNT DOWN!

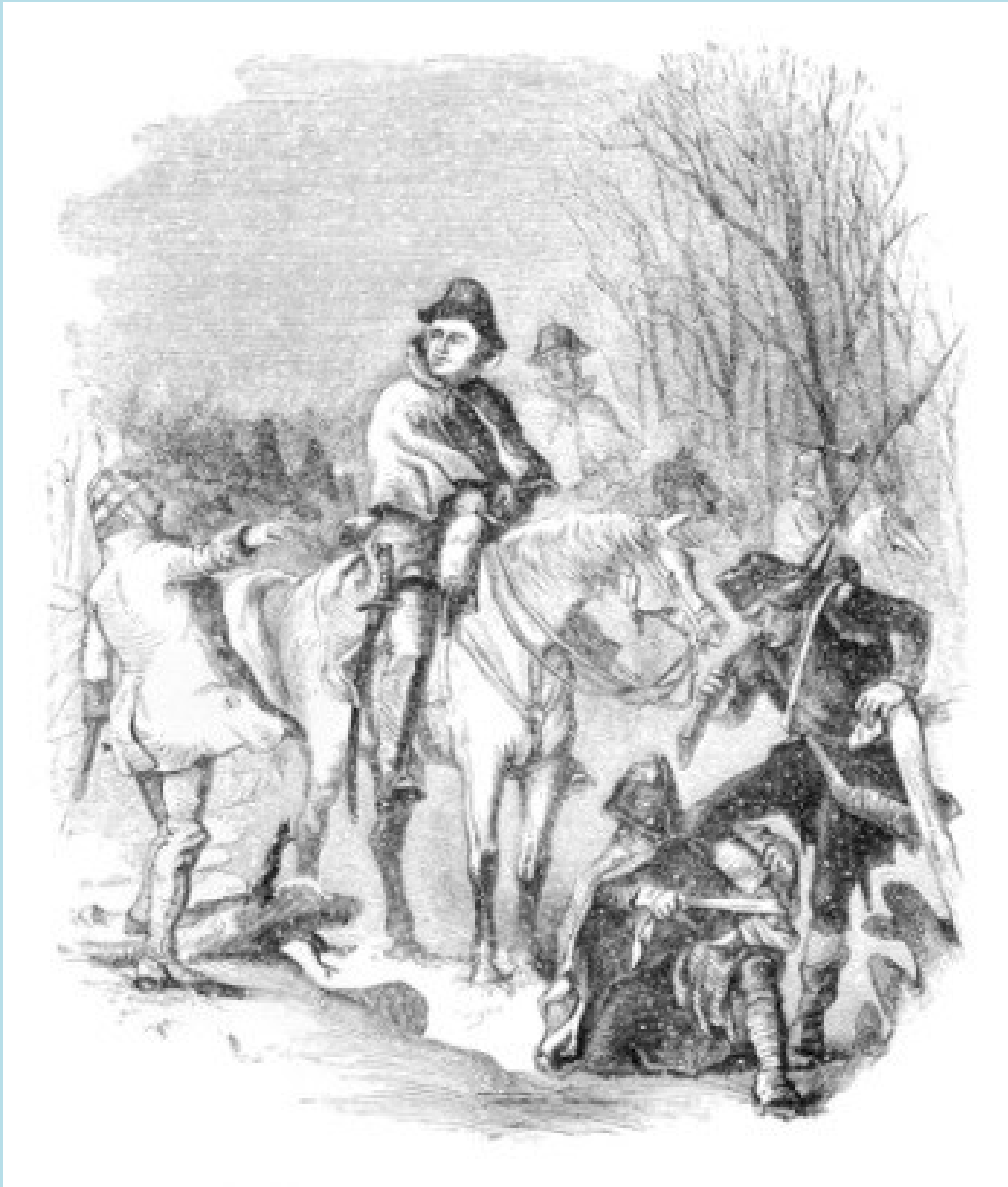
## JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – THE DAY OF DECISION



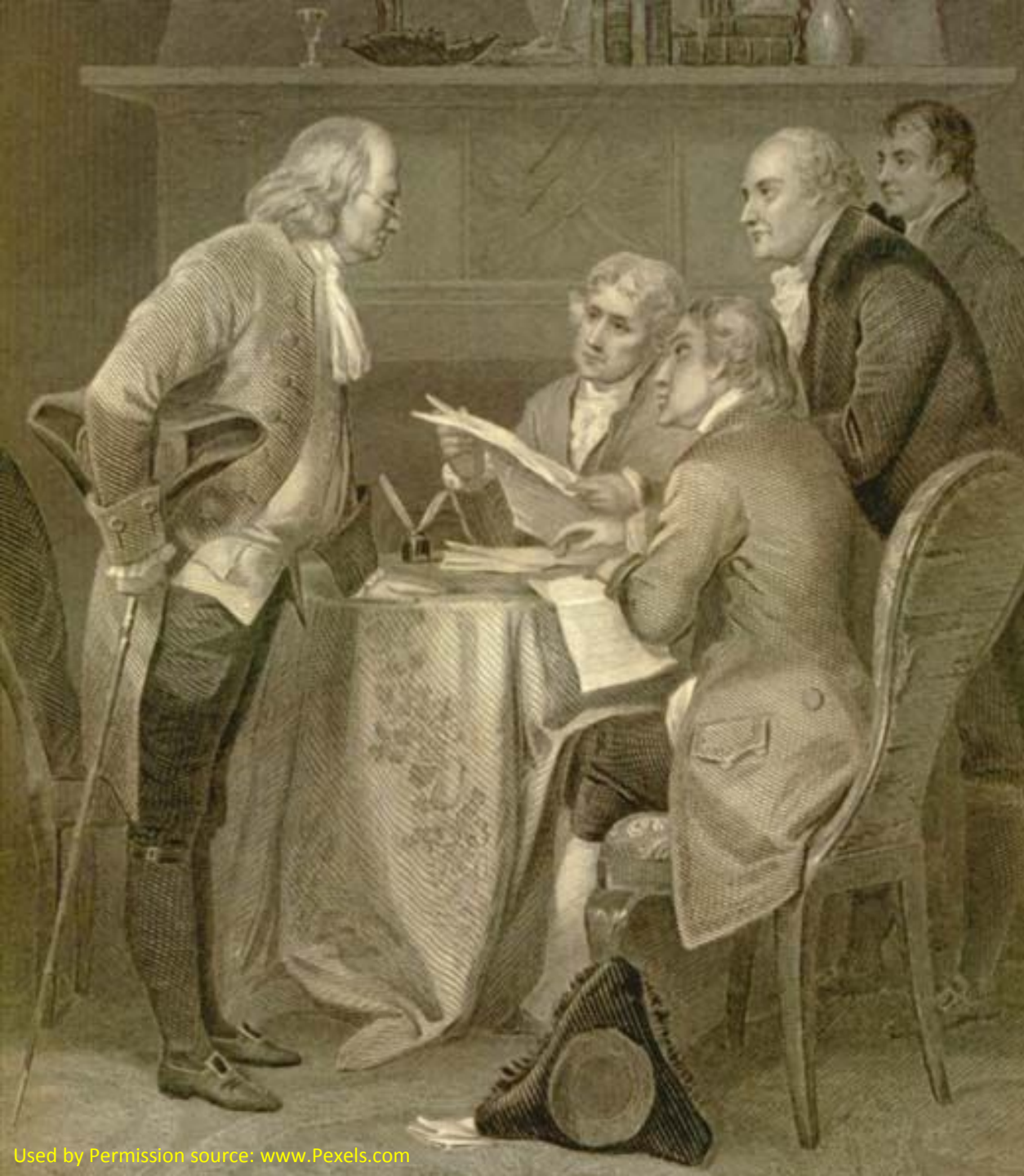
# George Washington in Battle





General Washington,  
Sir.

A British communique  
that just came in says:  
“SURRENDER THIS  
INDEPENDENCE THING.  
IT IS JUST A FAD!”



# July 2<sup>nd</sup> – THE DAY OF DRAMA



# John Adams and Abigail Adams



Caesar Rodney, Delaware Delegate, though ill, rode 80 miles all night by horseback to cast the deciding vote on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.



# Caesar Rodney

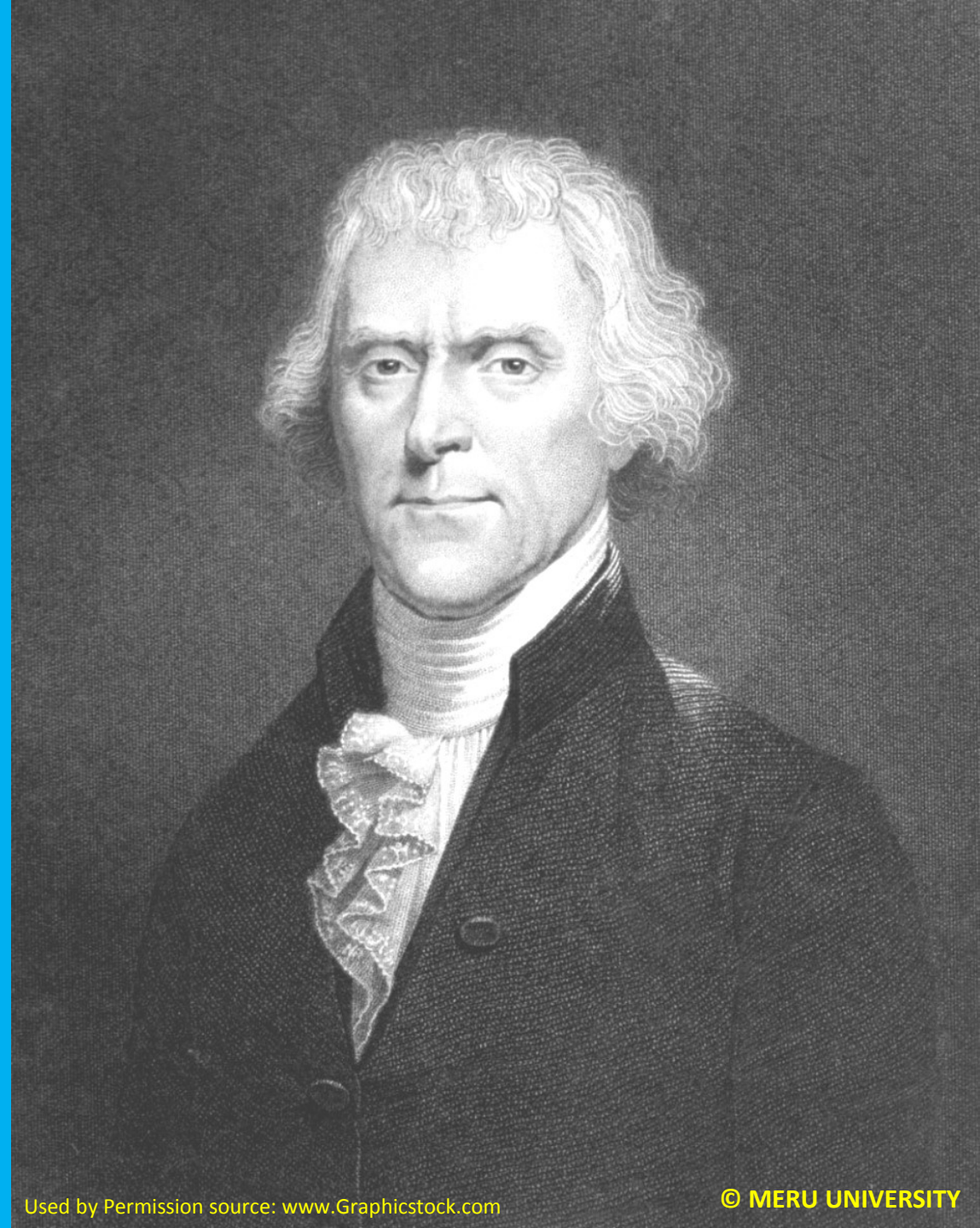


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**July 3<sup>rd</sup> - WEIGHING AND DEBATING  
CONTENT OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

- Thomas Jefferson
- Over 400 word changes were made
- Virginia legislator
- Ending Slavery



# Sam Adams



July 4<sup>th</sup>

The Declaration of Independence approved



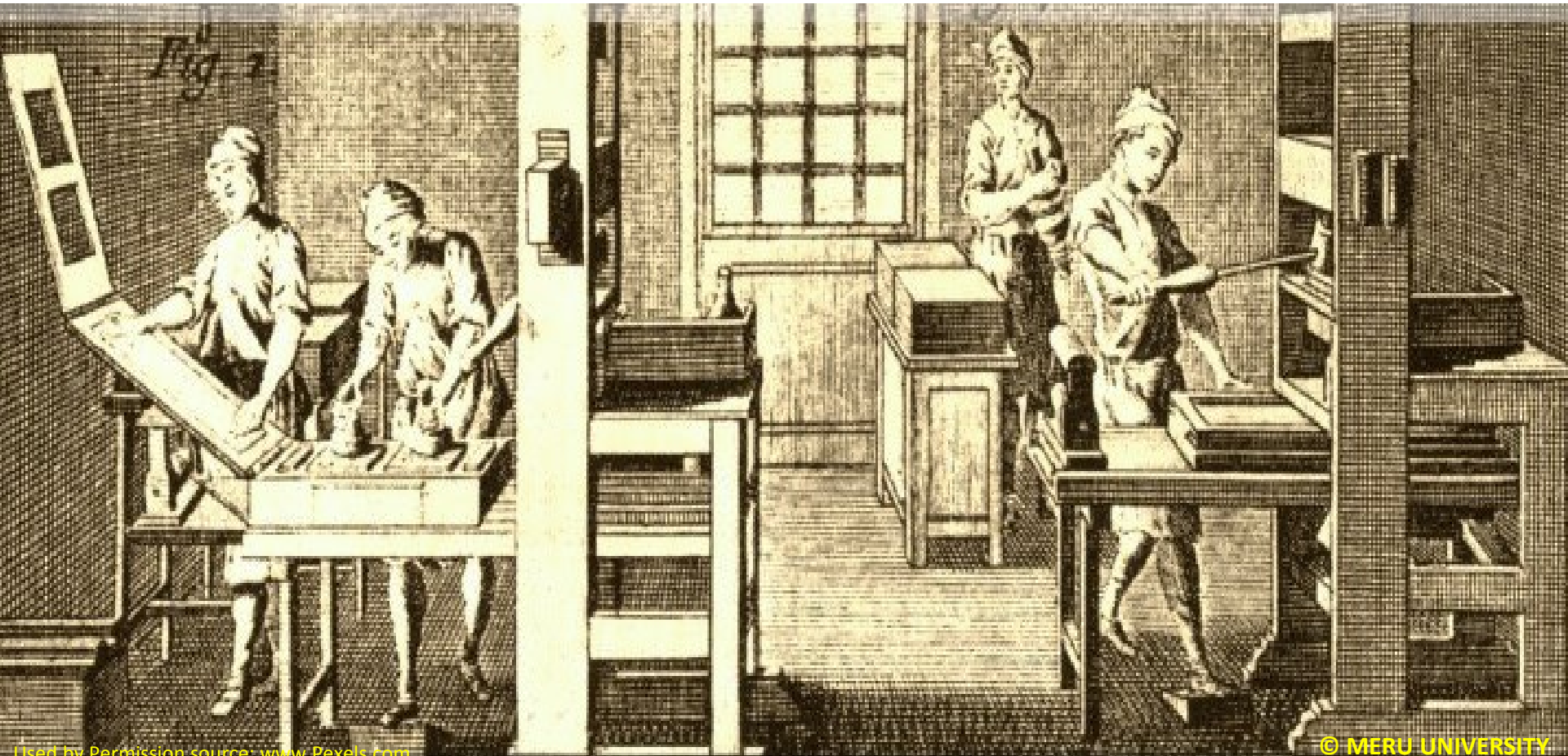
- All colonies voted to adopt The Declaration of Independence except N.Y.



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.



# Printing of The Declaration of Independence



IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of these events it became necessary to explain to the world the particular causes which have occasioned them, we thought and we are determined that we should declare the rights which we hold inviolable, and the reasons which have brought us to the present situation. We therefore publish these Declarations, that all those who are united with us in the same Sentiments may by the force of them be enabled to enter into a firm and peaceable Association, and that the same may be a Basis and Foundation for the Union of the States, and that the same may be a Basis and Foundation for the Union of the States, and that the same may be a Basis and Foundation for the Union of the States.



**Katherine  
Goddard,  
the  
publisher**

*Mary Katherine Goddard*

# July 8<sup>th</sup> public reading of The Declaration of Independence



A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for <sup>one</sup> people to  
dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to  
~~assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal~~ station to  
which the laws of nature & of nature's god entitle them, a decent respect  
to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes  
which impel them to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> separation.

## THE HISTORY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- The Declaration  
of Independence

**It declares 18 unjust rulings of the King of England and his parliament.**

JULY 4, 1776.

United States of America

to dissolve the political bands which have  
connected them; a decent respect to the  
opinions of men, derived from the  
institutions of our fathers, are created equal,

# WHO WERE THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?



# List of Signers

56 eventually signed

The Declaration of Independence

## President of Congress

1. John Hancock (Massachusetts Bay)

## New Hampshire

2. Josiah Bartlett
3. William Whipple
4. Matthew Thornton

## Massachusetts Bay

5. Samuel Adams
6. John Adams
7. Robert Treat Paine
8. Elbridge Gerry

## Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

9. Stephen Hopkins
10. William Ellery

## Connecticut

11. Roger Sherman
12. Samuel Huntington
13. William Williams
14. Oliver Wolcott

## New York

15. William Floyd
16. Philip Livingston
17. Francis Lewis
18. Lewis Morris

## New Jersey

19. Richard Stockton
20. John Witherspoon
21. Francis Hopkinson
22. John Hart
23. Abraham Clark

## Pennsylvania

24. Robert Morris
25. Benjamin Rush
26. Benjamin Franklin
27. John Morton
28. George Clymer
29. James Smith
30. George Taylor
31. James Wilson
32. George Ross

## Delaware

33. Caesar Rodney
34. George Read
35. Thomas McKean

## Maryland

36. Samuel Chase
37. William Paca
38. Thomas Stone
39. Charles Carroll of Carro

## Virginia

40. George Wythe
41. Richard Henry Lee
42. Thomas Jefferson
43. Benjamin Harrison
44. Thomas Nelson, Jr.
45. Francis Lightfoot Lee
46. Carter Braxton

## North Carolina

47. William Hooper
48. Joseph Hewes
49. John Penn

## South Carolina

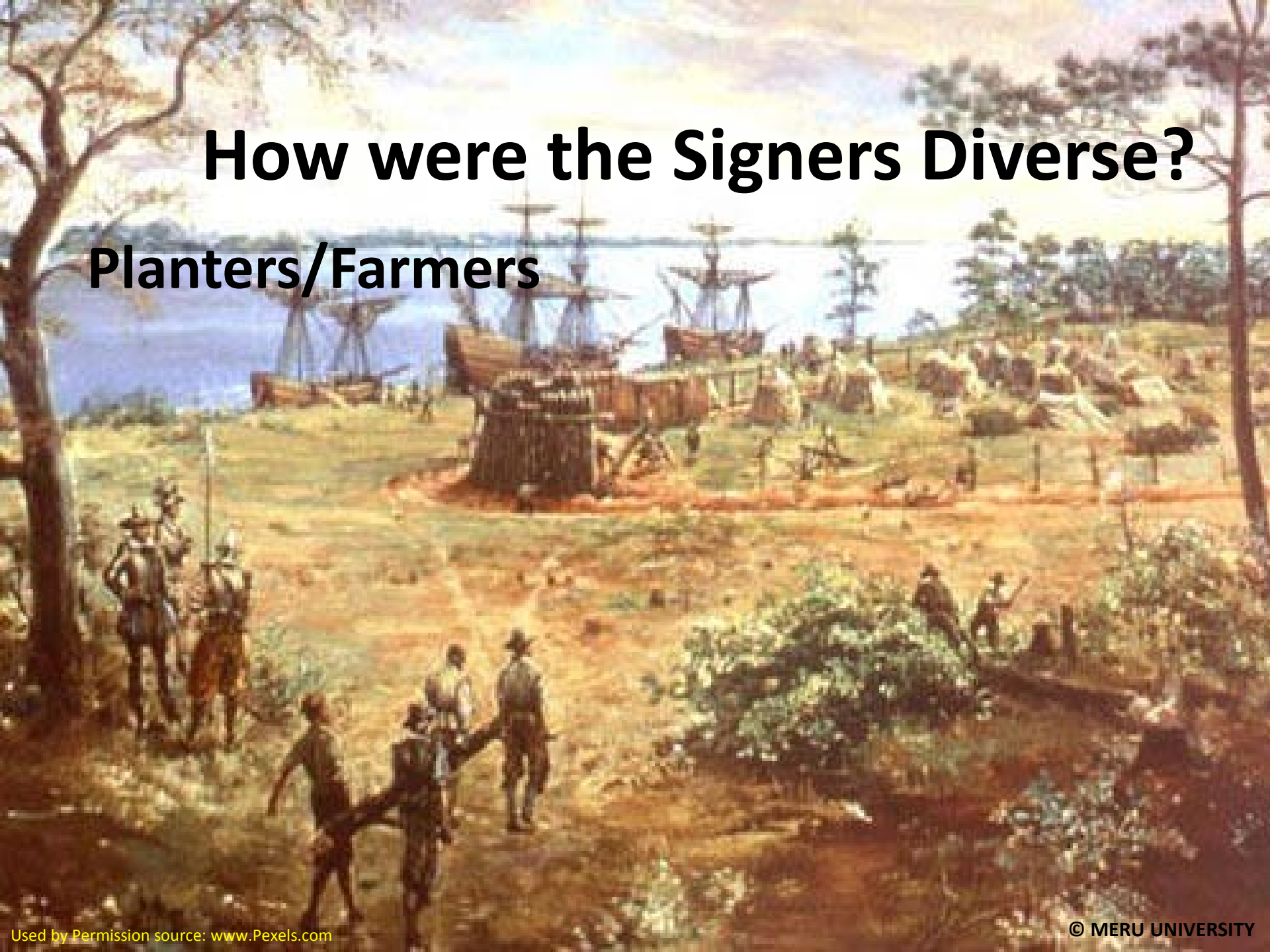
50. Edward Rutledge
51. Thomas Heyward, Jr.
52. Thomas Lynch, Jr.
53. Arthur Middleton

## Georgia

54. Button Gwinnett
55. Lyman Hall
56. George Walton

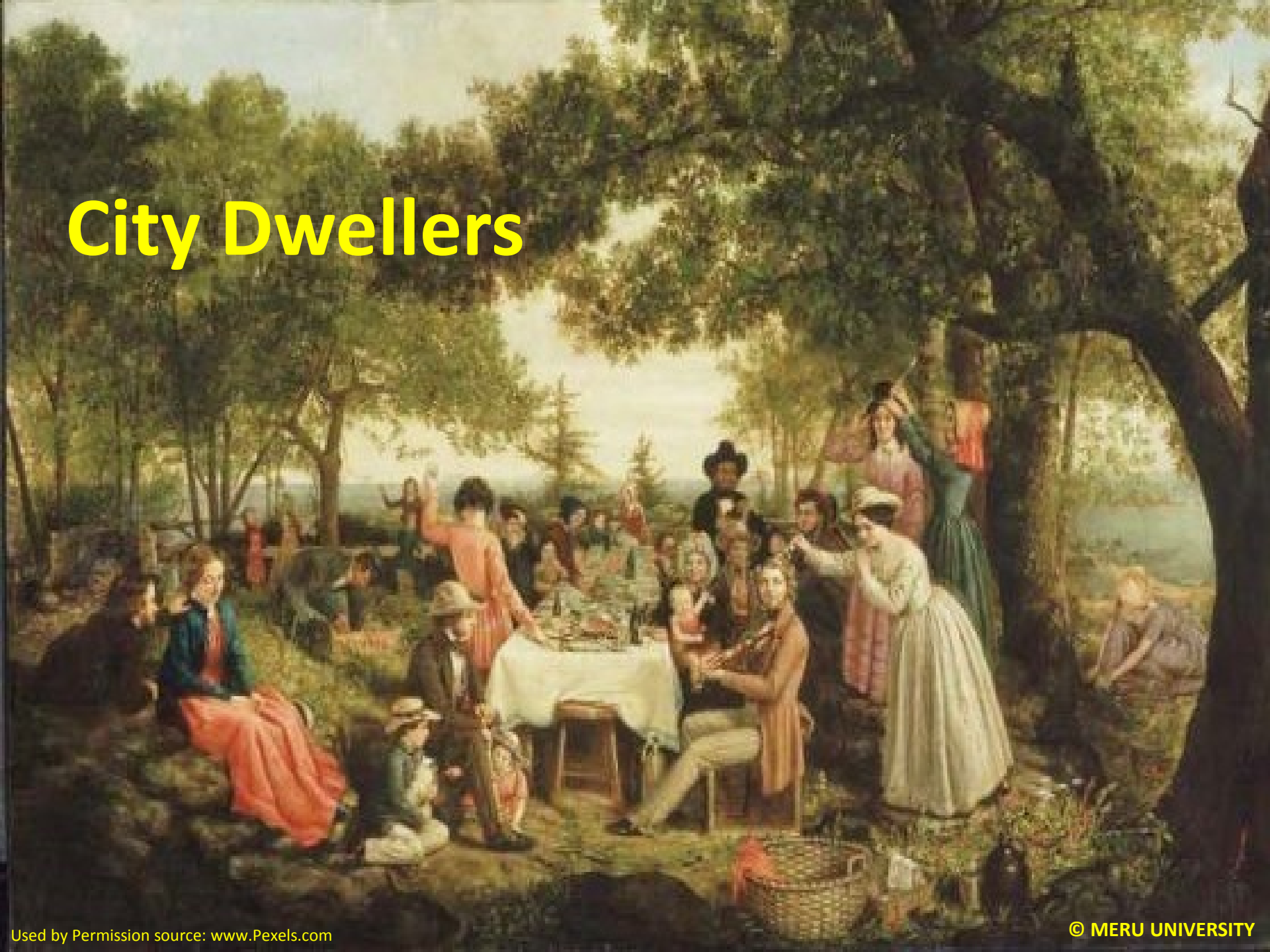
# How were the Signers Diverse?

Planters/Farmers





# City Dwellers



# What were their Misfortunes?



**MOST OF THE SIGNERS HAD  
LITTLE TO GAIN AND  
ALL TO LOSE  
WHEN THEY SUBSCRIBED TO  
THE  
DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE**

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**WHAT PARALLELS DO WE SEE  
HAPPENING IN OUR COUNTRY  
TODAY?**



Boston Tea party  
against taxes

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“We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

From The Declaration of Independence





**“And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.”**

From The Declaration of Independence

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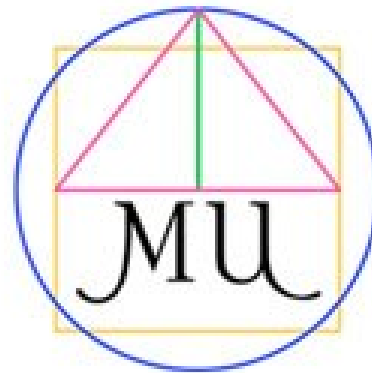
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