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There are
approximately
6,000 years
of recorded
human history

Writing invented c. 3300 BC

Sumerian cuneiform



c.3000 BC Egyptian hieroglyphics

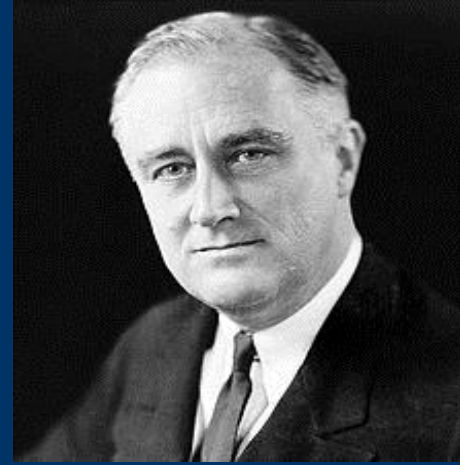


Chinese pictogram characters c.2600 BC

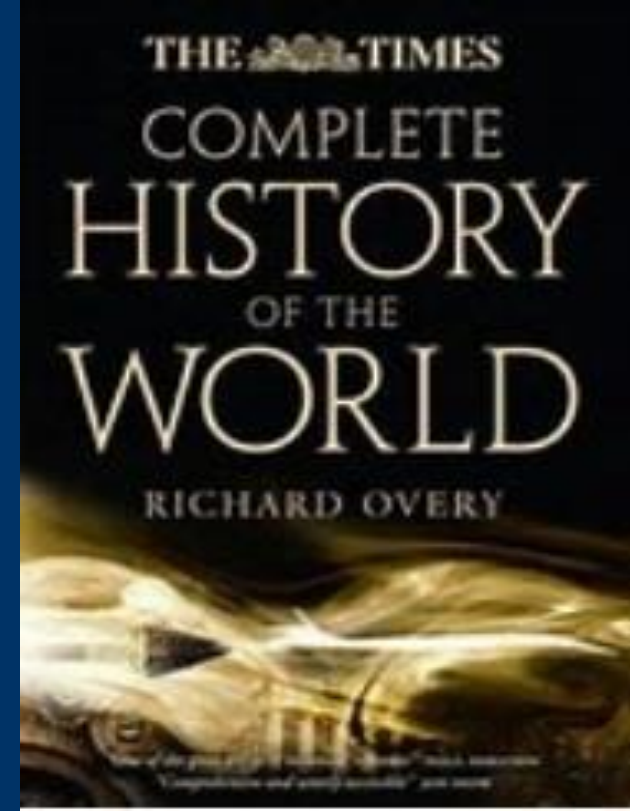


Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1940:

“5,000 years of recorded history have proven that mankind has always believed in God in spite of many abortive attempts to exile God.”



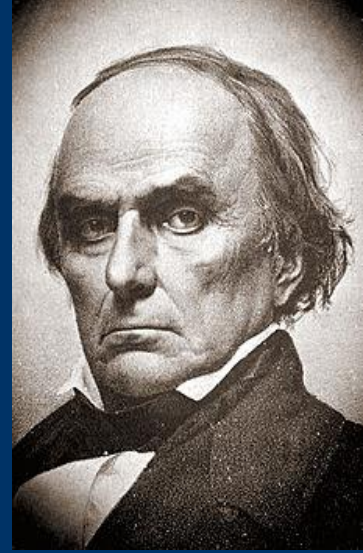
Richard Overy, editor,
*The Times Complete
History of the World:*



“No date appears
before the start of human
civilizations about 5,500
years ago and the beginning
of a written or pictorial history.

Daniel Webster:

“Miracles do not cluster...
What has happened once in
6,000 years, may not happen
again.



Hold on to the Constitution, for
if the **American Constitution**
should fail, there will be anarchy
throughout the world.”

James Wilson signed Declaration & Constitution, Washington to Supr. Ct.



“After a period of 6,000 years since creation, the United States exhibit to the world the first instance of a nation assembling voluntarily and deciding that system of government under which they should live.”

6,000 years =
60 people
living
100 years each

6,000 year
quest to
RULE THE
WORLD

**What is the
MOST common
of government
in history?**



Nimrod

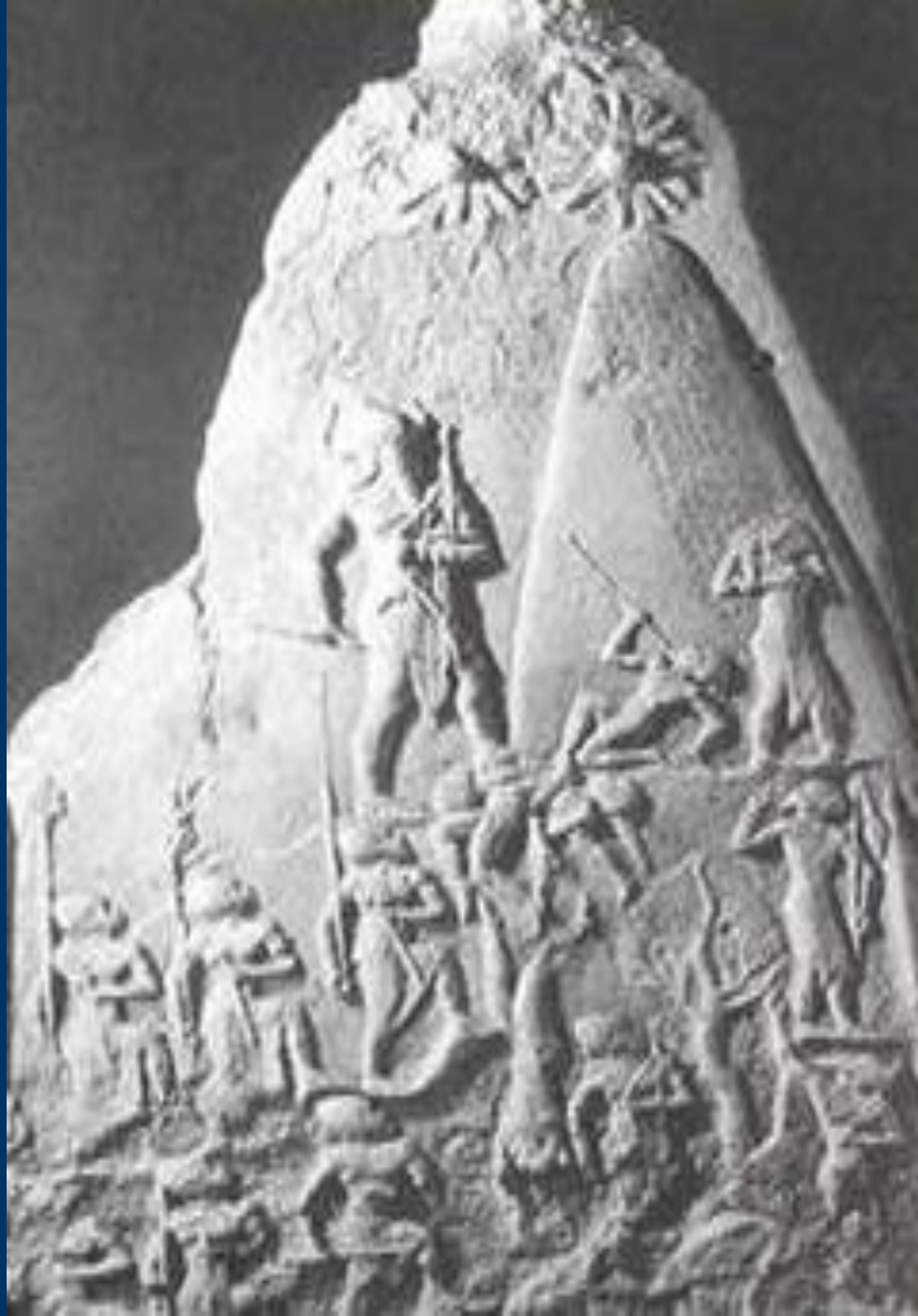
TOWER OF BABEL

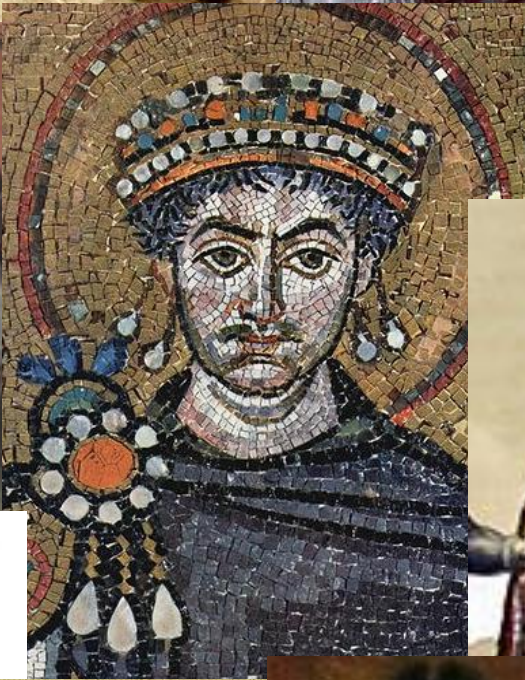
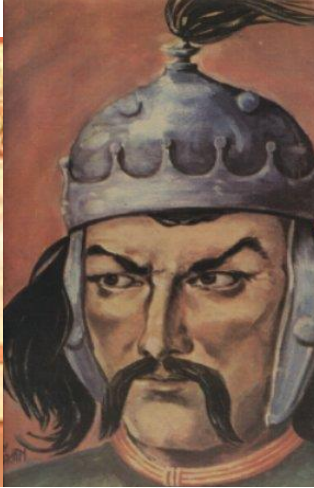
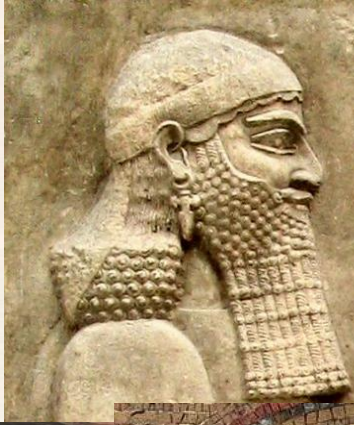


For 6,000 years

**Empires rose & fell
each generation
rebuild Tower of Babel**

***POWER
CONCENTRATES
into
hands of
ONE
person***







**Most common
form of
government
is
KING!**

POWER WANTS TO CONCENTRATE

- pull of a magnet
- law of gravity
- pecking order

The Lord of the Rings, Gandalf:

“Always remember, Frodo,
the Ring is trying to get
back to its
master.

It wants to be
found.”



Selfish human nature
wants to accumulate
power.

- Fall in garden
- Cain killing Abel

*babies in a playpen –
one will take the rattle

*kids on a playground –
one will be the bully
hogging the ball

*natives in the woods –
one will be Indian chief

*people in inner city –
one will be gang leader

King

=

glorified

gang leader

PATRONAGE SYSTEM

Friends
of King

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More Equal

Not Friends
of King

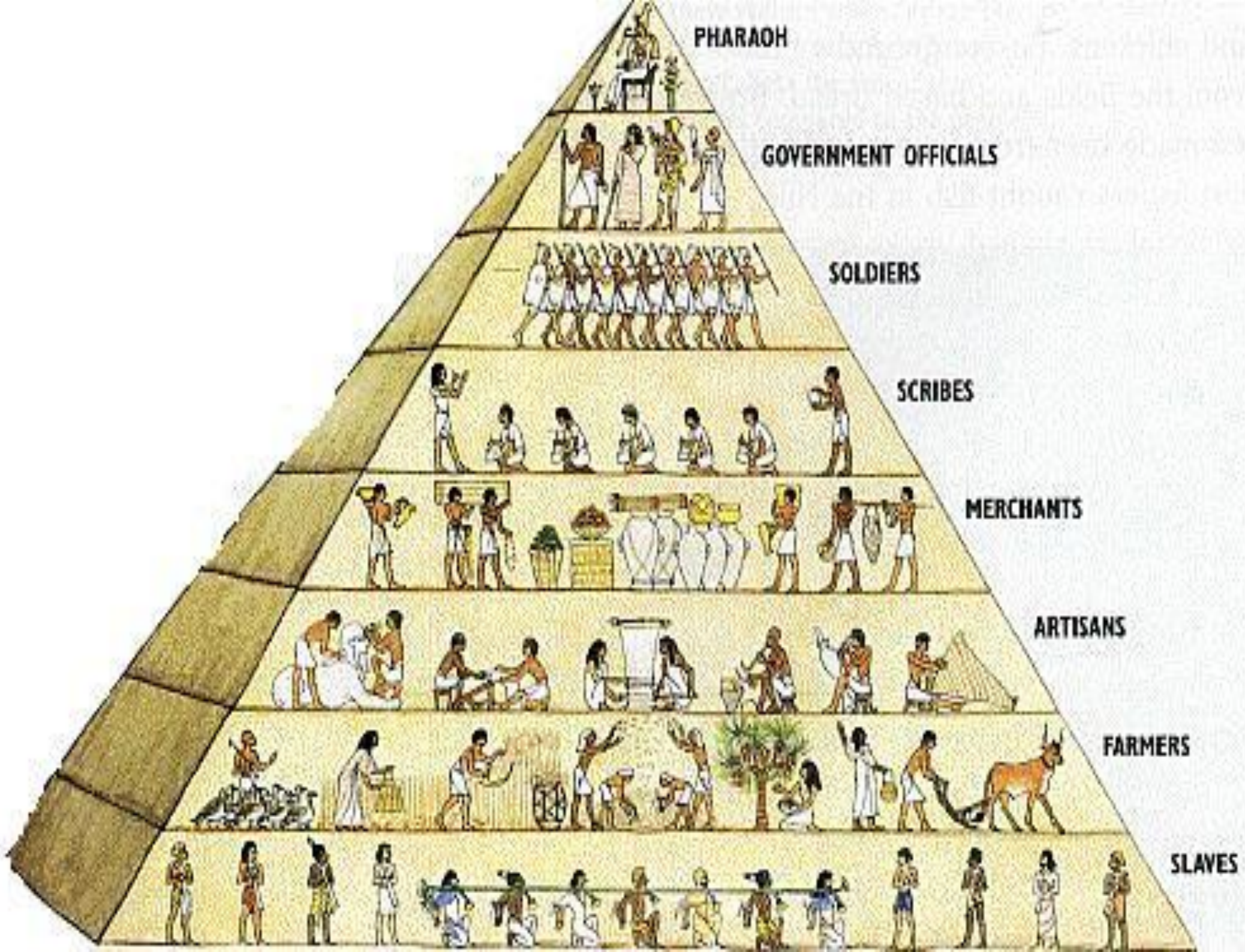
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Less Equal

Enemy
of King

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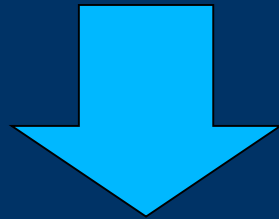
DEAD
“treason”
or SLAVE



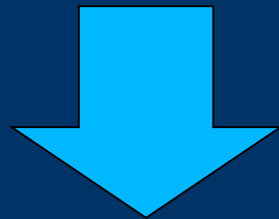
Divine Right of King

POWER

Creator



To King



To People

Louis XIV

“I am the
State.”

“It is legal
because I
wish it.”



James I

“KINGS are ...

God’s

lieutenants

upon earth ...



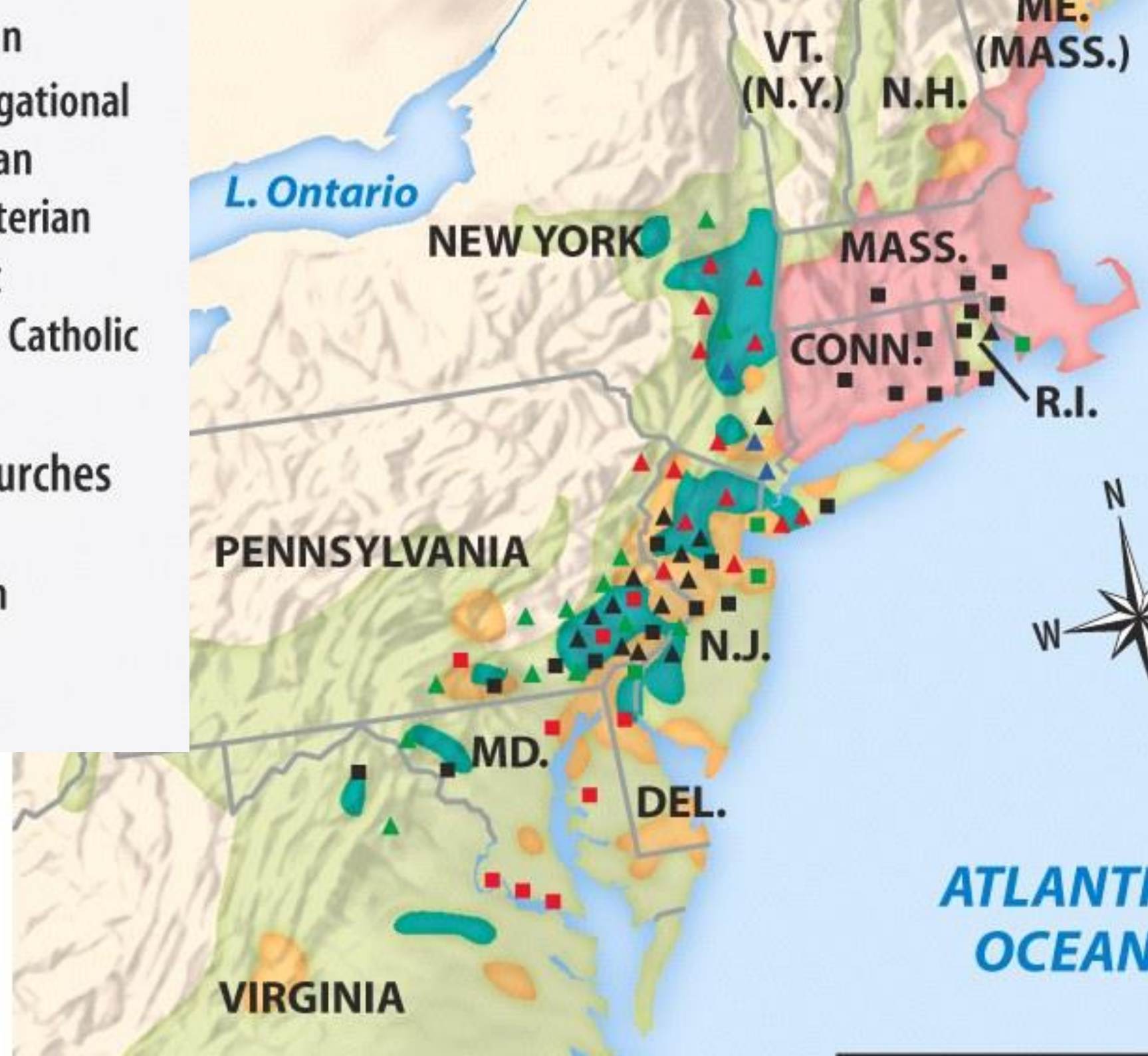
Sit upon God’s throne ...”

It took centuries
before
AMERICA
was given chance
to break from a
KING!

- Anglican
- Congregational
- Lutheran
- Presbyterian
- Baptist
- Roman Catholic
- Jewish

Reformed Churches

- Dutch
- German
- French
- Quaker



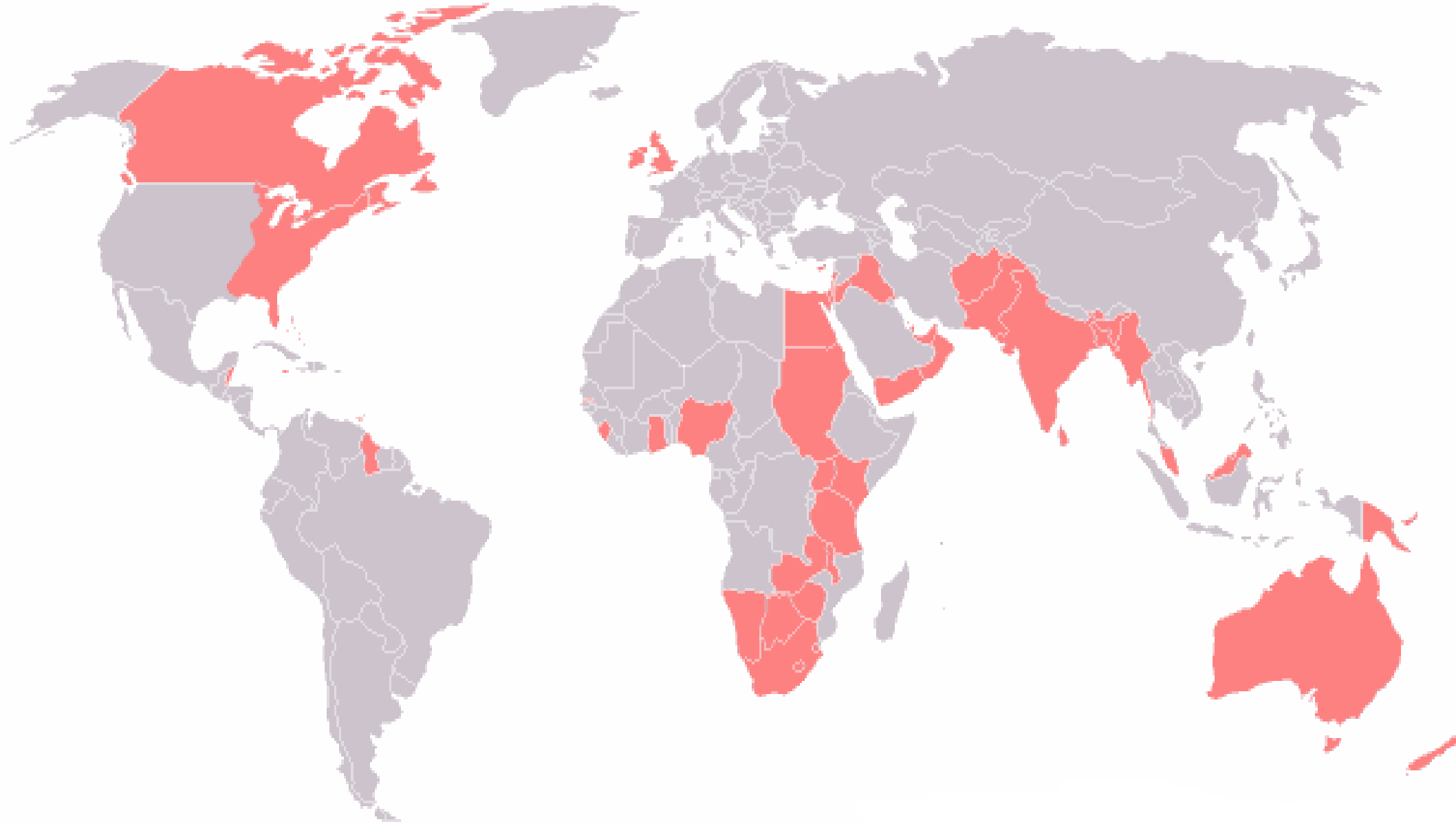
After French &
Indian War

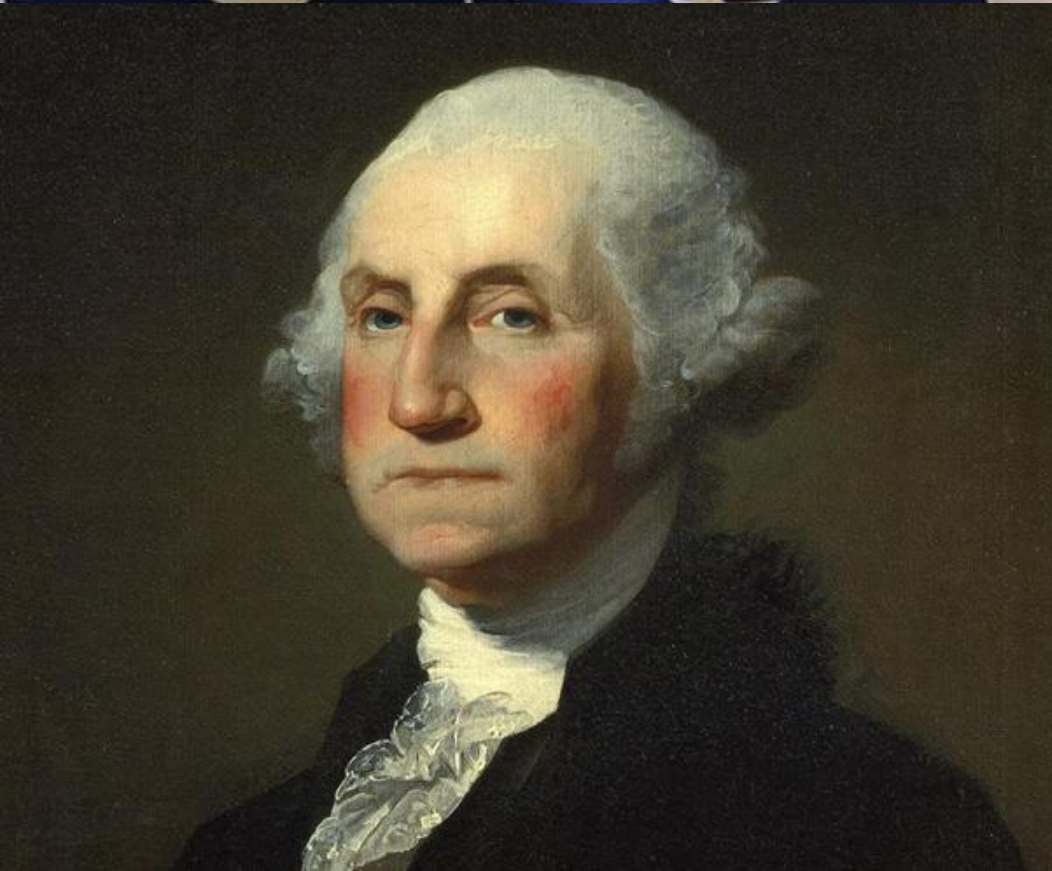
**MOST
POWERFUL
KING IN
WORLD
HISTORY**

**KING OF
ENGLAND**



BRITISH EMPIRE AT GREATEST EXTENT







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Betsy Ross was
born
January 1, 1752,
to a Quaker
family in
Philadelphia, the
8th of 17
children.



BETSEY ROSS MAKING THE STARS AND STRIPES.
(Adopted by Congress June 14, 1777.)

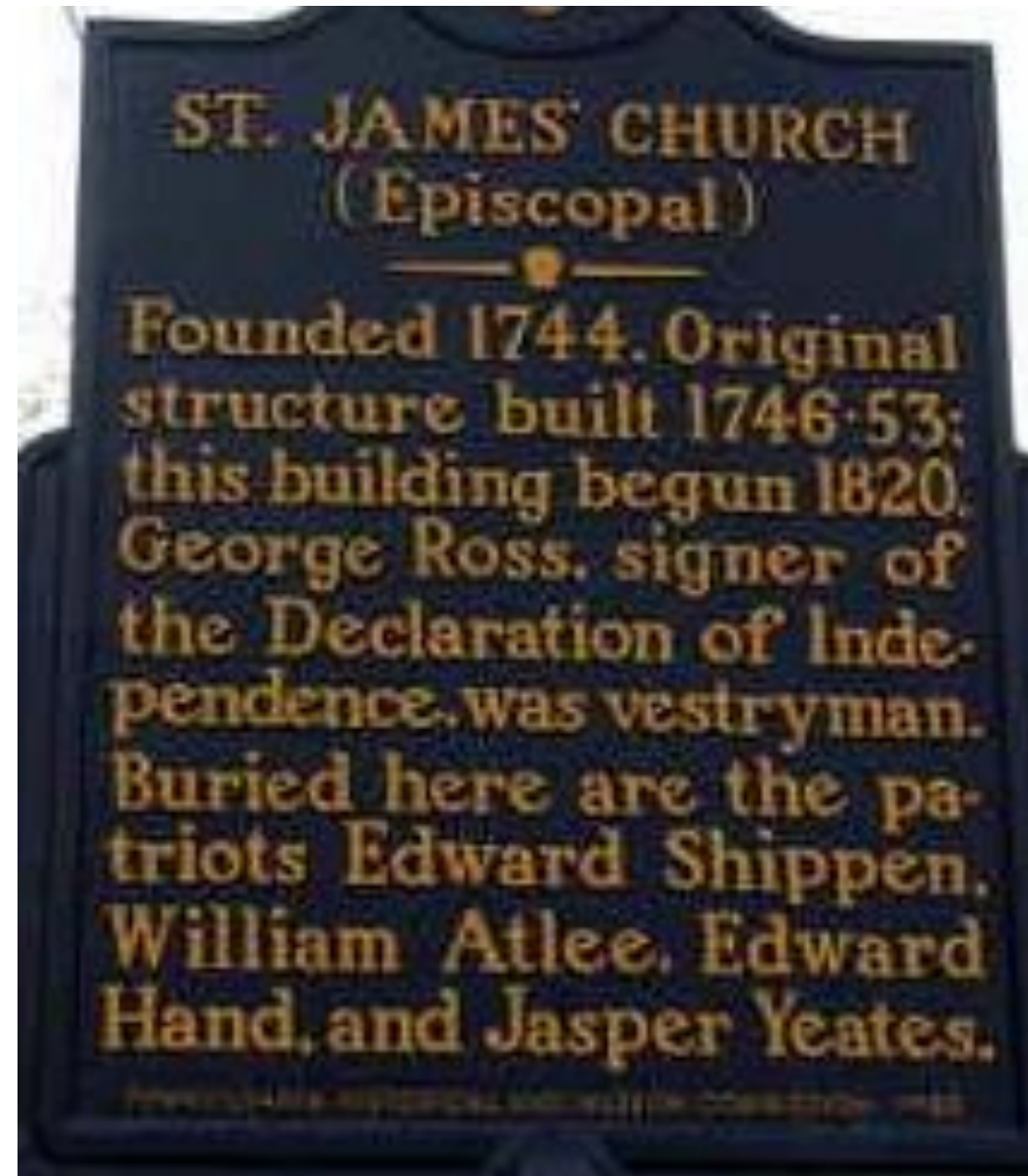
**Quakers were
the first and the
strongest
opponents of
slavery in
America!**



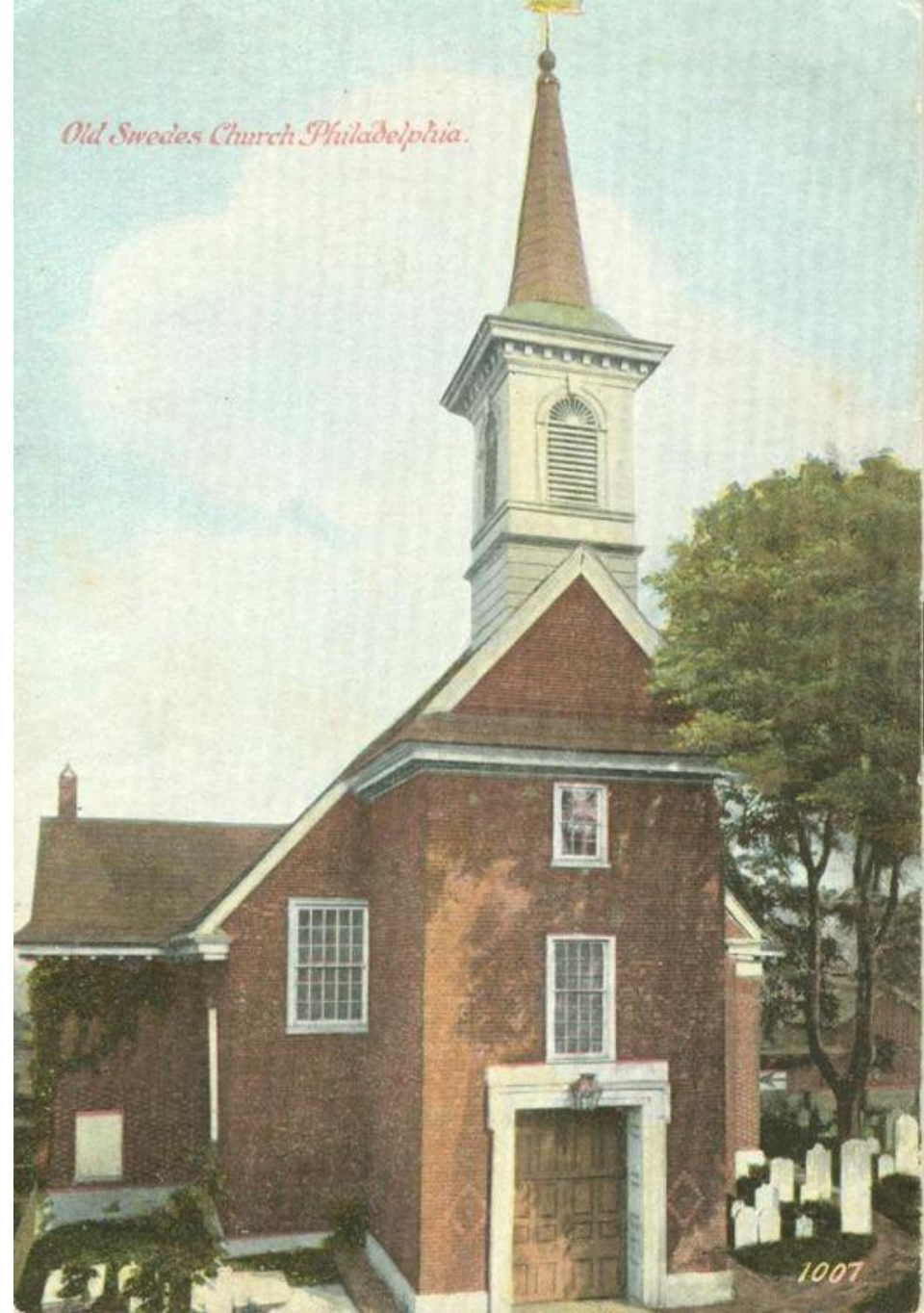
Betsy apprenticed as a seamstress and fell in love with upholsterer John Ross, son of an Episcopal rector at Christ Church and nephew of Declaration signer, George Ross.



George Ross was a Continental Army Colonel, and a Pennsylvania delegate to the Constitutional Convention, elected its first vice-president.



George Ross was the son of an Anglican clergyman and an admiralty judge in Pennsylvania where he refused to acknowledge the authority of the Federal court over State decisions.





GEORGE ROSS

BORN: MAY 10, 1730 - NEW CASTLE, DEL.

DIED: JULY 14, 1779 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

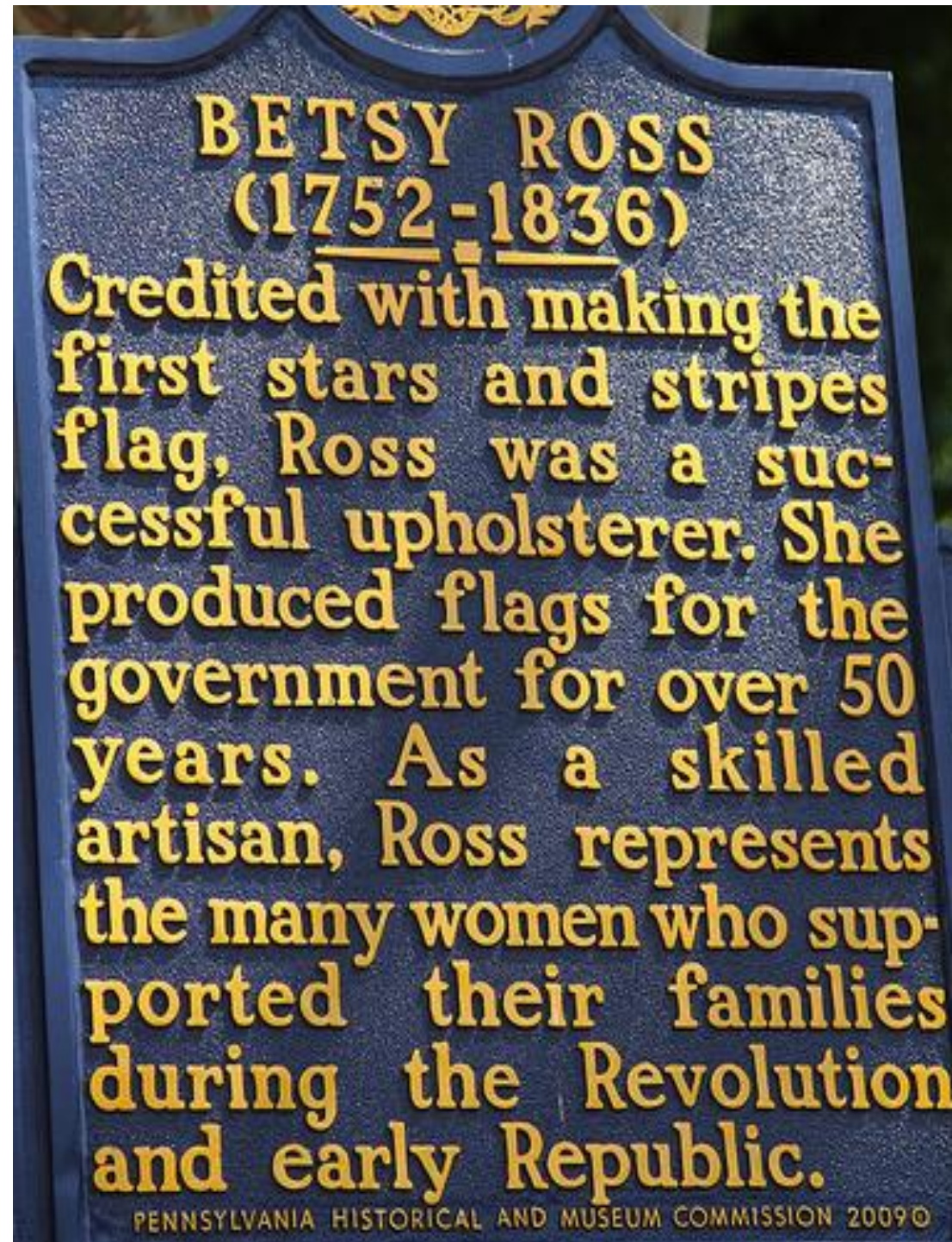
HE SERVED IN THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FROM
1774 TO 1777 AND WAS 46 YEARS OLD WHEN HE
SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

BURIED: CHRIST CHURCHYARD, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MARKED: MONUMENT 1851-4, 1897

BY: DUNELM CEMETERY, PA.

Quakers forbade
inter-
denominational
marriage,
John & Betsy
eloped, being
married by the last
colonial Governor
of New Jersey
William Franklin,
Ben Franklin's son.



John and Betsy
Ross attended
Christ's Church
with George
Washington,
Robert Morris,
Francis Hopkins,
Alexander
Hamilton, Thomas
Jefferson and
Benjamin Franklin.



**The Ross' pew,
number 12, was
next to a column
adjoining
George
Washington's
pew number 56
and not far from
Ben Franklin's
pew number 70.**



During the Revolution, John Ross died
when a munitions depot he was
guarding blew up.

Shortly after,
in June 1776,
General
Washington
reportedly asked
Betsy Ross to
sew an
American Flag.







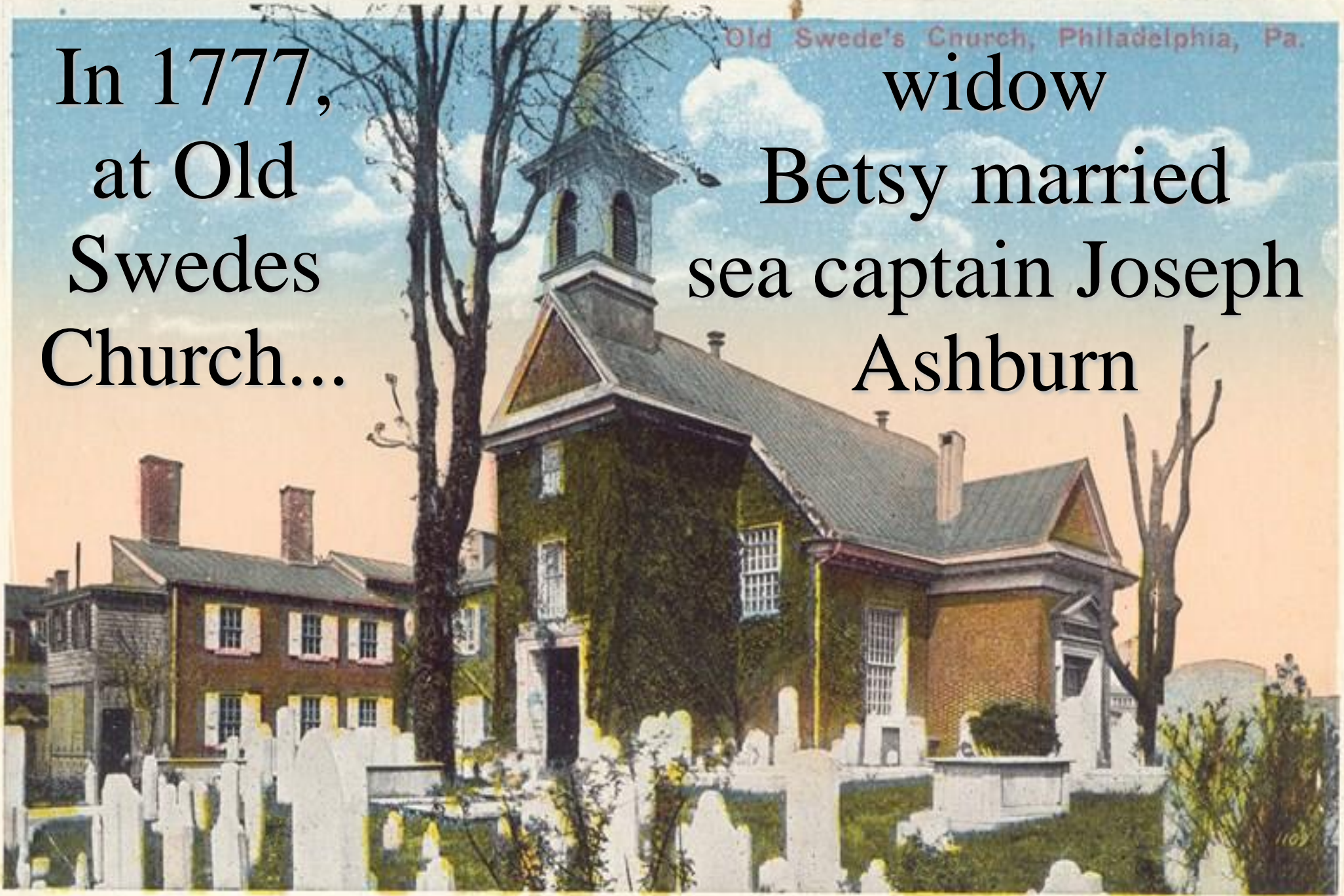


BETSY ROSS MAKING THE
FIRST AMERICAN FLAG 1776



In 1777,
at Old
Swedes
Church...

widow
Betsy married
sea captain Joseph
Ashburn



That winter the British forcibly
quartered in the home of
Betsy and Joseph Ashburn.



Joseph Ashburn later sailed to the West Indies for war supplies, but was captured and sent to Old Mill Prison, where he died in 1782.



View of Congress, in the interior, by the means, in the next to office of the State, House of the U. S. for the 18th Dec. 1782.

Old Army Prison Ship, in the Revolutionary War.

Fellow prisoner John Claypoole later brought the news of Joseph's death to Betsy, only to fall in love with her himself.

Betsy married John Claypoole at Christ Church, May 8, 1783, and together they had 5 children.

BETSY ROSS

ELIZABETH GRISCOM CLAYPOOLE

JANUARY 1, 1752 — JANUARY 30, 1836

AND HER HUSBAND

JOHN CLAYPOOLE

AUGUST 15, 1752 — AUGUST 3, 1817



A 3-cent stamp honoring Betsy Ross issued in 1952 on the 200th anniversary of birth

The Betsy Ross Bridge across the Delaware River connecting Philadelphia to Pennsauken, NJ, is named for her.





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Betsy Ross



MADE OF THE
FINEST AMERICAN TOBACCO

Mild Pleasing Quality CIGAR
BETSY ROSS

10 CENT

SIZE

BETSY ROSS

BRAND

QUEEN OF ALL

ORANGE
PEKOE

and
PEKOE

HIGH

GRADE


TEA

PACKED BY

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Betsy Ross

100 FINEST QUALITY TOBACCO


SIBYL LUDINGTON
RODE HORSEBACK OVER THIS
ROAD THE NIGHT OF APRIL 26,
1777, TO CALL OUT COLONIAL
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NEW

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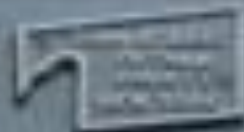


SYBIL LUDINGTON

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STATE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT 1935






SYBIL LUDINGTON
HERE ENDED HER NIGHT RIDE
APRIL 26, 1777 TO SUMMON
MILITIA OF COL. LUNDINGTON'S
REGIMENT TO REPEL BRITISH
RAID AT DANBURY CONN.

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To The
Cause...

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Sybil Ludington  *Youthful Heroine*



OFFICIAL
FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE



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Honoring
Sybil Ludington
Youthful Heroine of the Revolution

HER ALL-NIGHT RIDE TO WARN THE AMERICAN
MILITIA WAS A SIGN OF THE YOUNG COUNTRY'S
BRAVE SPIRIT



Molly Pitcher's husband was an artillery man.

Cannons constantly needed to be cooled with water.

Women would carry buckets of water to the soldiers firing the cannons, as well as to the thirsty soldiers.



At the Battle of Monmouth, June 1778, temperatures were over 100 degrees.

Molly's husband collapsed from heat stroke and was carried from the field.

Molly Pitcher took his place, using the ramrod to swab and load her husband's cannon.



At one point, a British cannonball flew between her legs and tore off the bottom of her petticoat.

Molly commented "Well, that could have been worse," and went back to loading the cannon.





MOLLY PITCHER

Knox

TENNESSEE
CHURCH

Molly Pitcher



During the Revolutionary War, women followed the army to care for the sick and dying, and washing clothes and blankets.

Andrew Jackson's mother cared for troops and caught an illness and died.

During the freezing winter at Valley Forge, hundreds of women died as well as men.



During the Revolutionary War, in Georgia, Nancy Morgan Hart (1735-1830) spied on the British camp.

Once, six British soldiers raided her farm, shot her last turkey and ordered her to cook it.

She served them corn liquor till they were intoxicated, and one-by-one, slipped their guns through a crack in the wall to her daughter.



When a soldier noticed, she pointed the gun at them and threatened to shoot the first one that moved.

One moved and she shot him.

Another moved and was killed and a third wounded.

When her husband returned, they hung the rest.



After feeding and serving them lots of wine she grabbed one of their guns, promising to shoot the first one that moved.

After shooting two, her husband showed up and they hung the rest.



Abigail Adams,
wife of 2nd President,
mother of 6th President

Abigail Adams wrote to her husband John, Oct 16, 1774:



“I dare not express to you, at three hundred miles distance, how ardently I long for your return.... And whether the end will be tragical, Heaven only knows. You cannot be, I know, nor do I wish to see you, an inactive spectator ...”

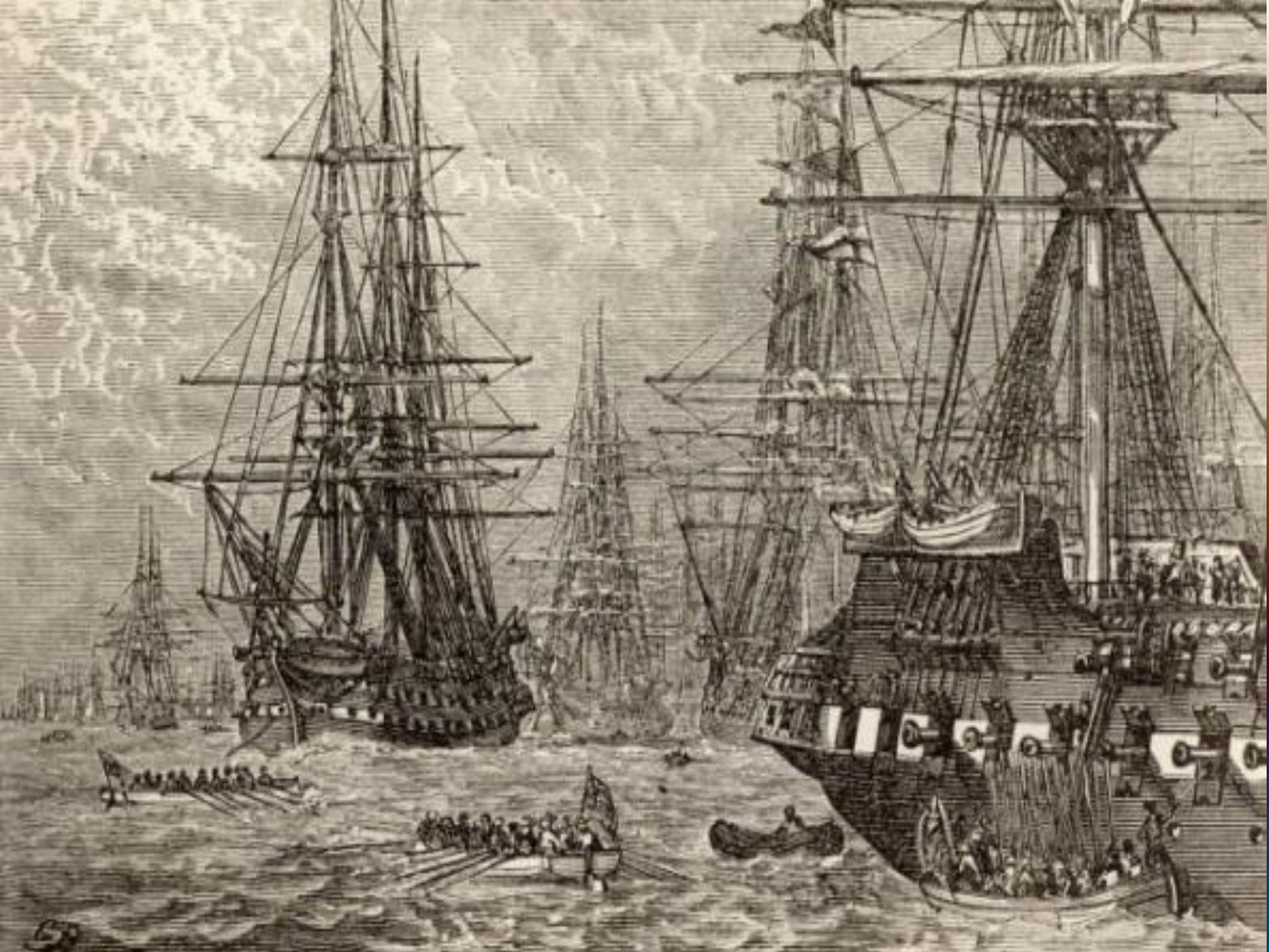
“...but if the sword be drawn,
I bid adieu to all domestic
felicity, and look forward to
that country where there are
neither wars nor rumors of war,




in a firm belief that through the mercy
of its King we shall both rejoice there
together... Your most affectionate,
Abigail”

Battle
of

Brooklyn Heights





New York Harbor filled with
400 British ships carrying
32,000 troops.

Thousands of wooden
masts were described as
looking like a forest!

Continental Congress, Day of Fasting:

“We earnestly recommend... the 17th of May (1776) be observed... as a **day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer**, that we...with united hearts confess and bewail our manifold sins & transgressions...”

“...and by a sincere repentance
and amendment of life appease
God's righteous displeasure,

**and through the merits and
mediation of Jesus Christ
obtain His pardon and
forgiveness.”**

General Washington ordered:

“The **Continental Congress** having ordered Friday the 17th instant to be observed as a **Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer,**

humbly to supplicate the mercy of Almighty God, that it would please Him to pardon all our manifold sins and transgressions...

“...the General commands all officers and soldiers to pay strict obedience to the orders of the Continental Congress;

that, by their unfeigned and pious observance of their religious duties, they may incline the Lord and Giver of victory to prosper our arms.”

Washington wrote to younger
brother John Augustine
Washington, May 31, 1776:

“We expect a very bloody
Summer of it at New York...

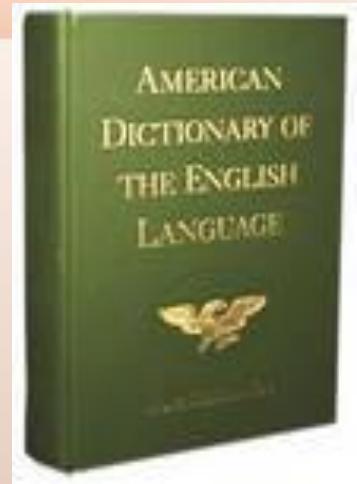
We are not either in Men, or
Arms, prepared for it...

Washington:

“If our cause is just, as I do most religiously believe it to be, the same Providence which has in many instances appear'd for us, **will still go on to afford its aid.**”

Webster's *1828 Dictionary*

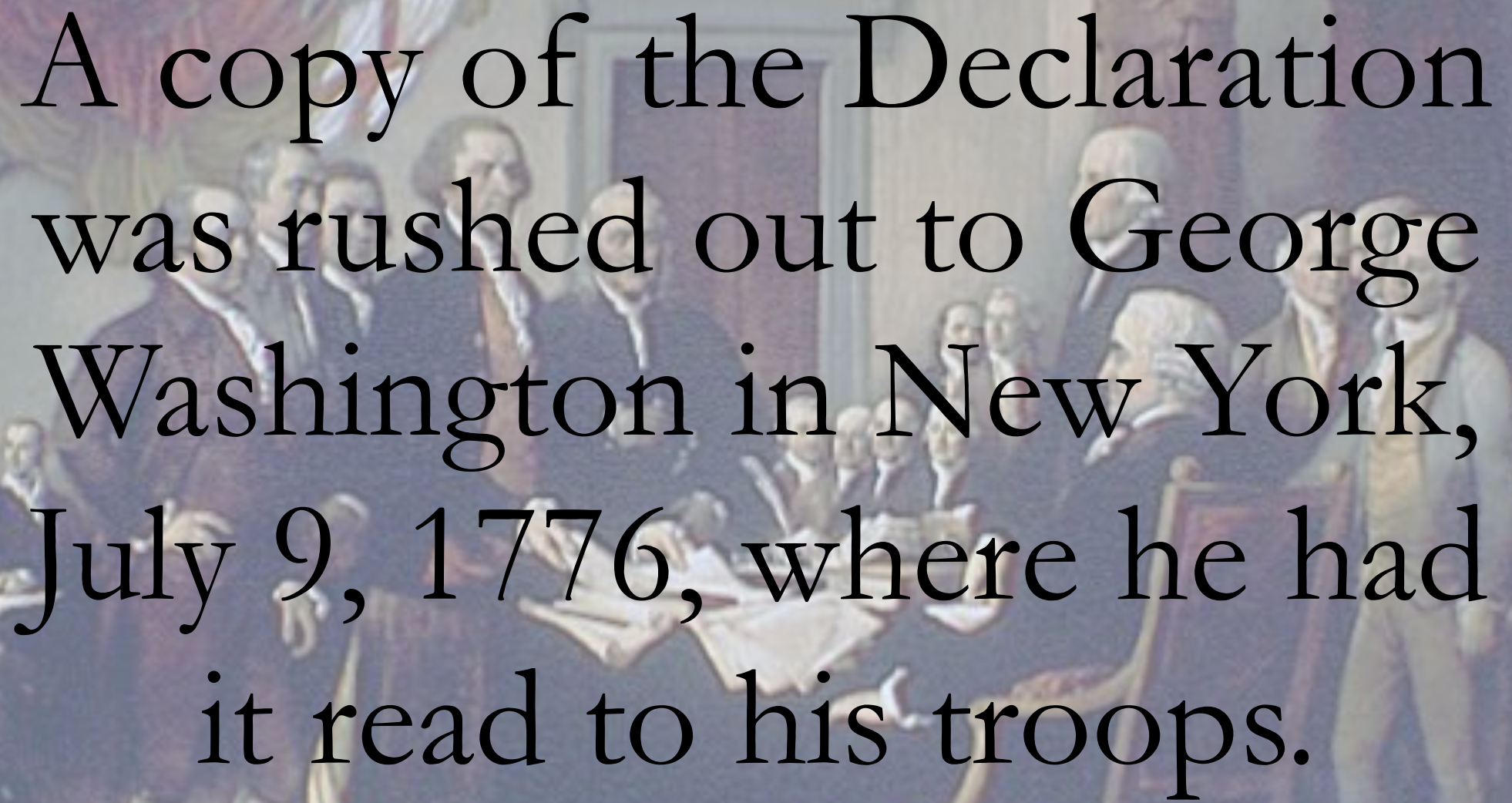
"PROVIDENCE":



"The care and superintendence which God exercises over his creatures ...

By divine providence is understood God himself."





A copy of the Declaration
was rushed out to George
Washington in New York,
July 9, 1776, where he had
it read to his troops.

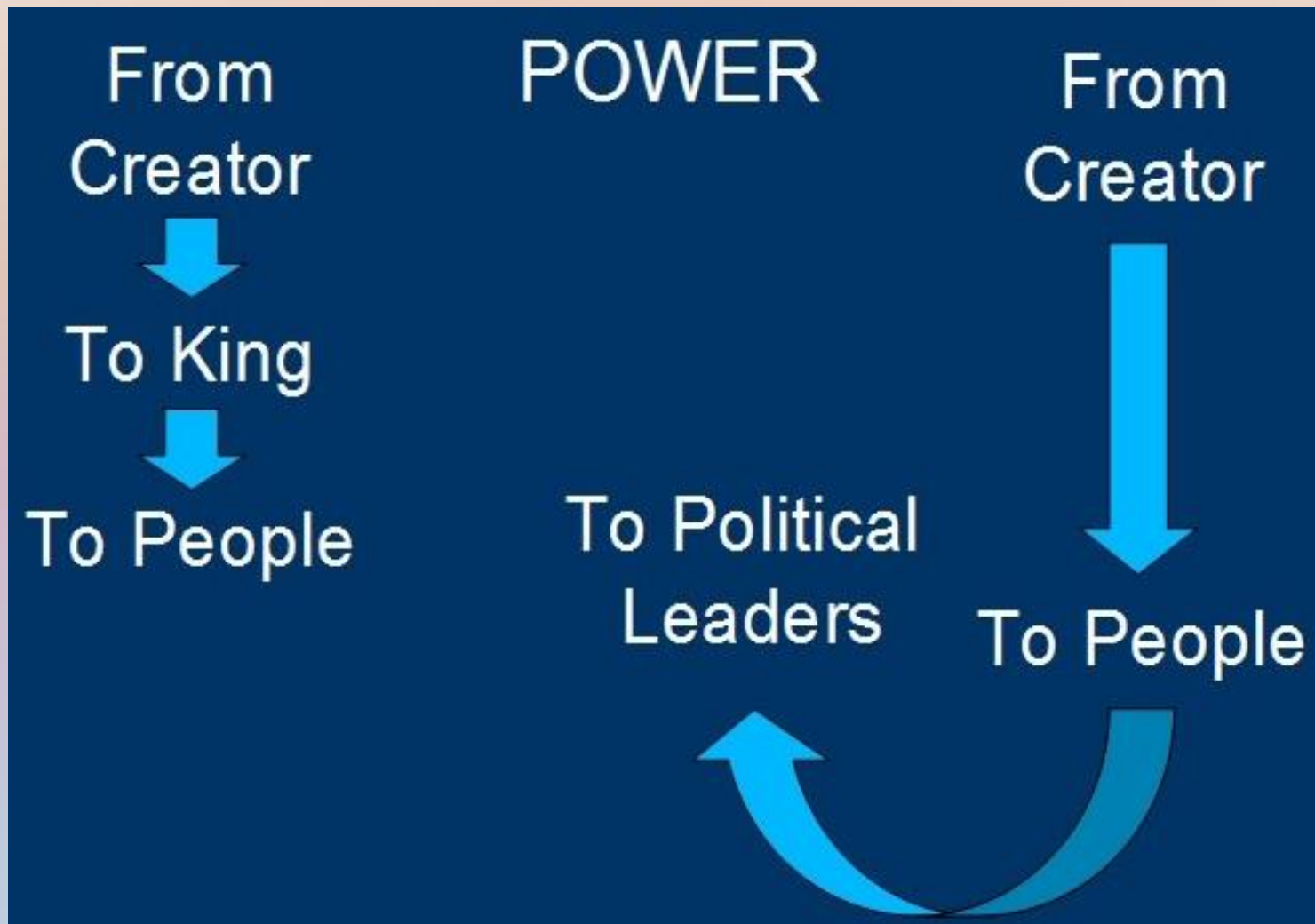
Laws of Nature and of Nature's God

All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights

Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions

Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence

“All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”



Washington put chaplains in each regiment, July 9, 1776:

"The General hopes and trusts, that every officer and man, will endeavour so to live, and act, **as becomes a Christian Soldier**, defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country."

Washington expected an attack from the sea, but a loyalist led 10,000 British troops at night through

Jamaica Pass

to attack the

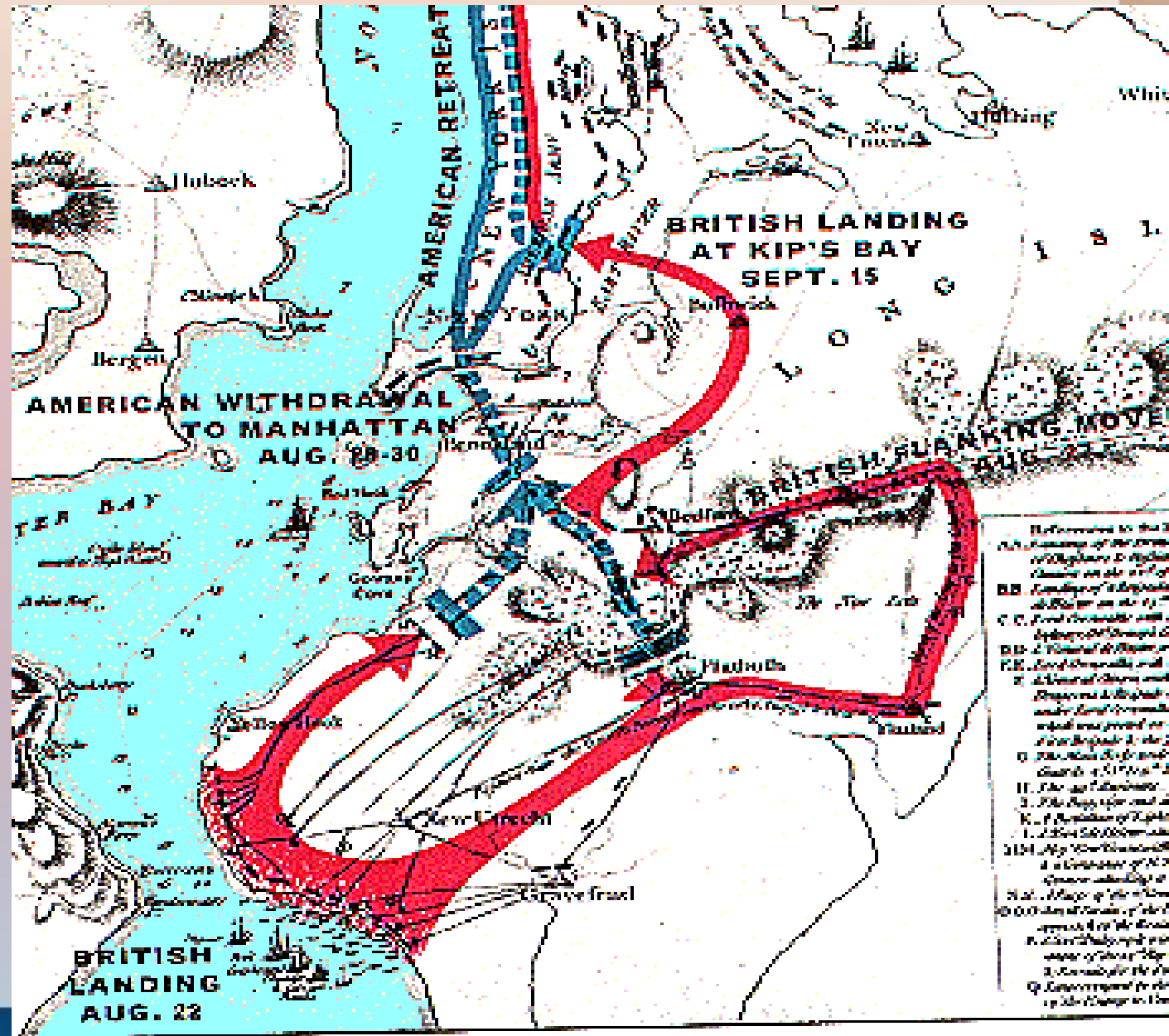
Continental

Army from

behind,

August 27,

1776.







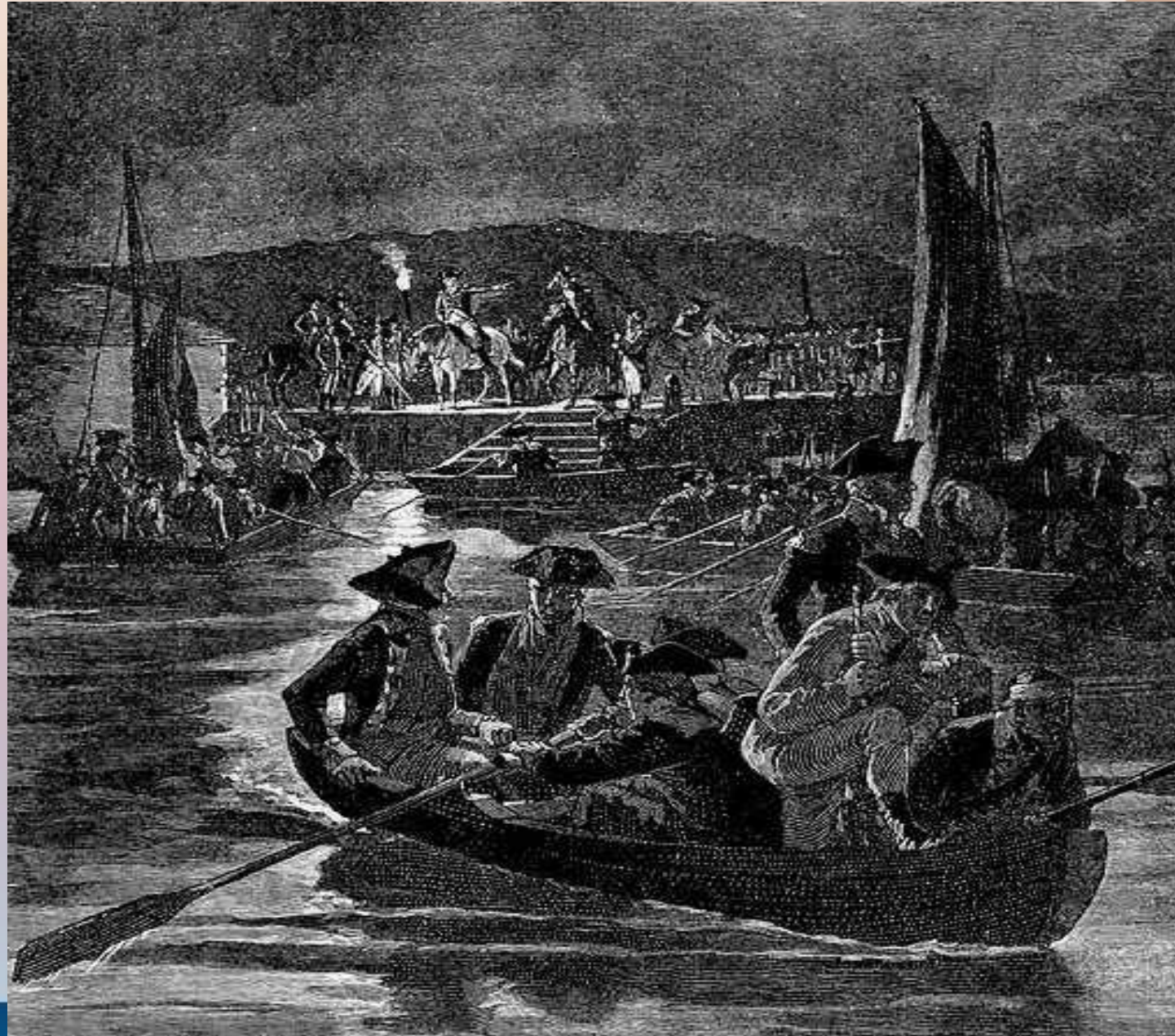
Washington watched 400 of the First Maryland Regiment charge 6 times directly into the British lines, allowing the rest of the Continental Army to find cover.

Washington exclaimed:

“Good God, what brave fellows I have lost this day.”

British General Howe **trapped** 8,000 Americans on Brooklyn Heights, backed up against sea.

That night, Washington **ferried** his army **across East River** to Manhattan Island.









Major Ben Tallmadge, Washington's Chief of Intelligence, wrote:

“As the dawn of the next day approached, those of us who remained in the trenches became very anxious for our own safety, and when the dawn appeared there were several regiments still on duty...

Major Ben Tallmadge
continued:

**“At this time a very
dense fog began to rise
off the river, and it
seemed to settle in a
peculiar manner over both
encampments...”**

“... I recollect this peculiar providential occurrence perfectly well, and so very dense was the atmosphere that I could scarcely discern a man at six yards distance...

We tarried until the sun had risen, but the fog remained as dense as ever.”





Washington was on the last boat that left
Brooklyn Heights. Had the Americans

not

evacuated,

the war

would have

ended

there.



Washington, Aug. 20, 1778:

“The Hand of Providence
has been so conspicuous in

... the course of the war ...

that he must be worse than an
infidel that lacks faith ... but **it will**
be time enough for me to turn
Preacher when my present
appointment ceases.”



Battle
of
Saratoga

In June of 1777, British General “Gentleman” Johnny Burgoyne marched down from Canada to Albany, New York with 6,000 soldiers.

He recaptured Fort Ticonderoga, Burgoyne headed down the Hudson River Valley.



**Burgoyne made a treaty with
Mohawks to terrorize
Americans**

A Scene on the FRONTIERS as Practised by the HUMANE BRITISH and their WORTHY ALLIES



*Urin Columbus here and forward press,
Your Country's wrongs call loudly for redress,
The Savage Indian with his Scalping knife,
Or Tomahawk may seek to take your life,*

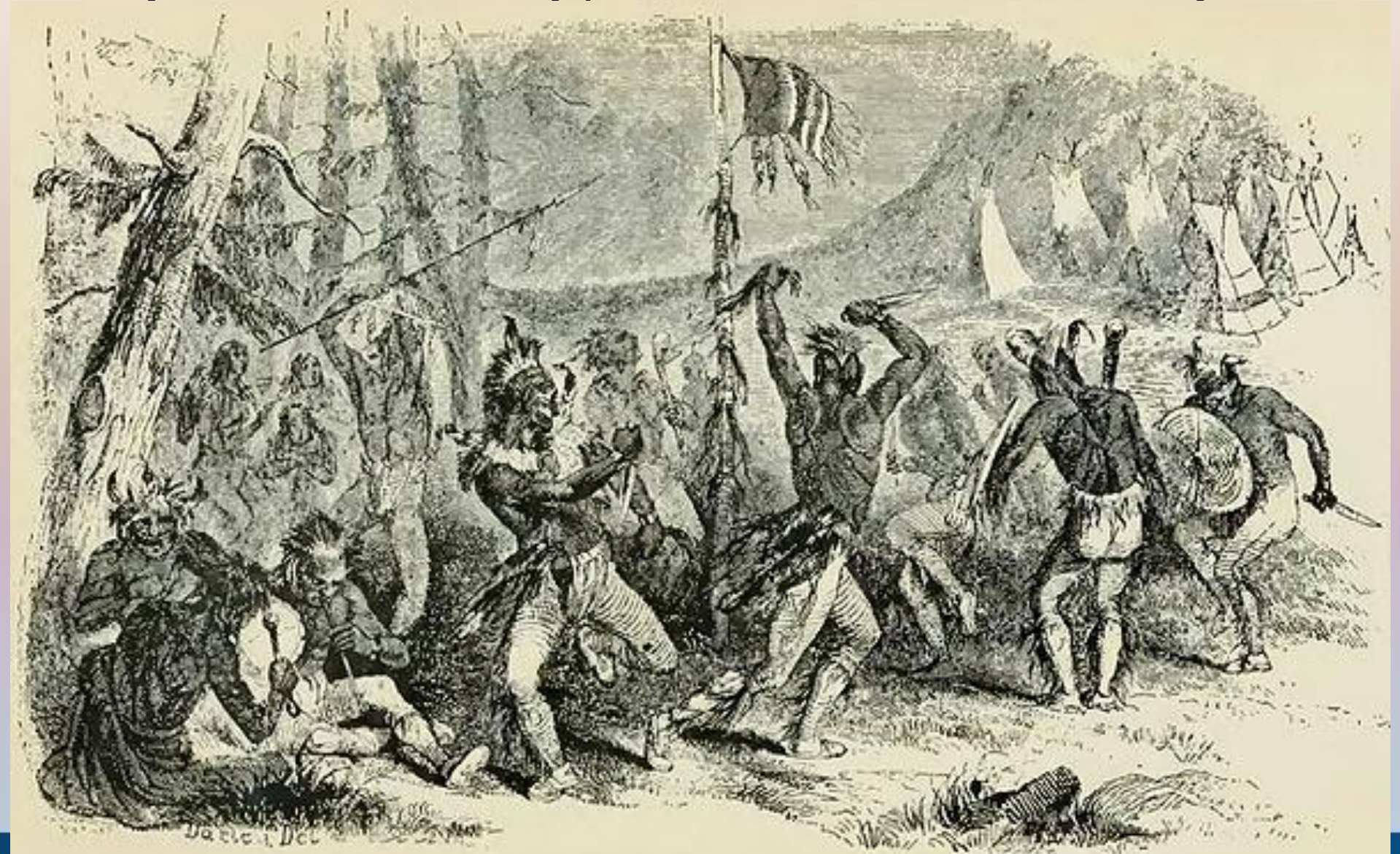
*By bowery and thig'll in a dreadful Fright,
Shrink back for Refuge to the Woods in Flight,
These British leaders then will quickly shake,
And for those wrongs shall restitution make.*

Loyalist **David Jones** lived in a frontier New York settlement.

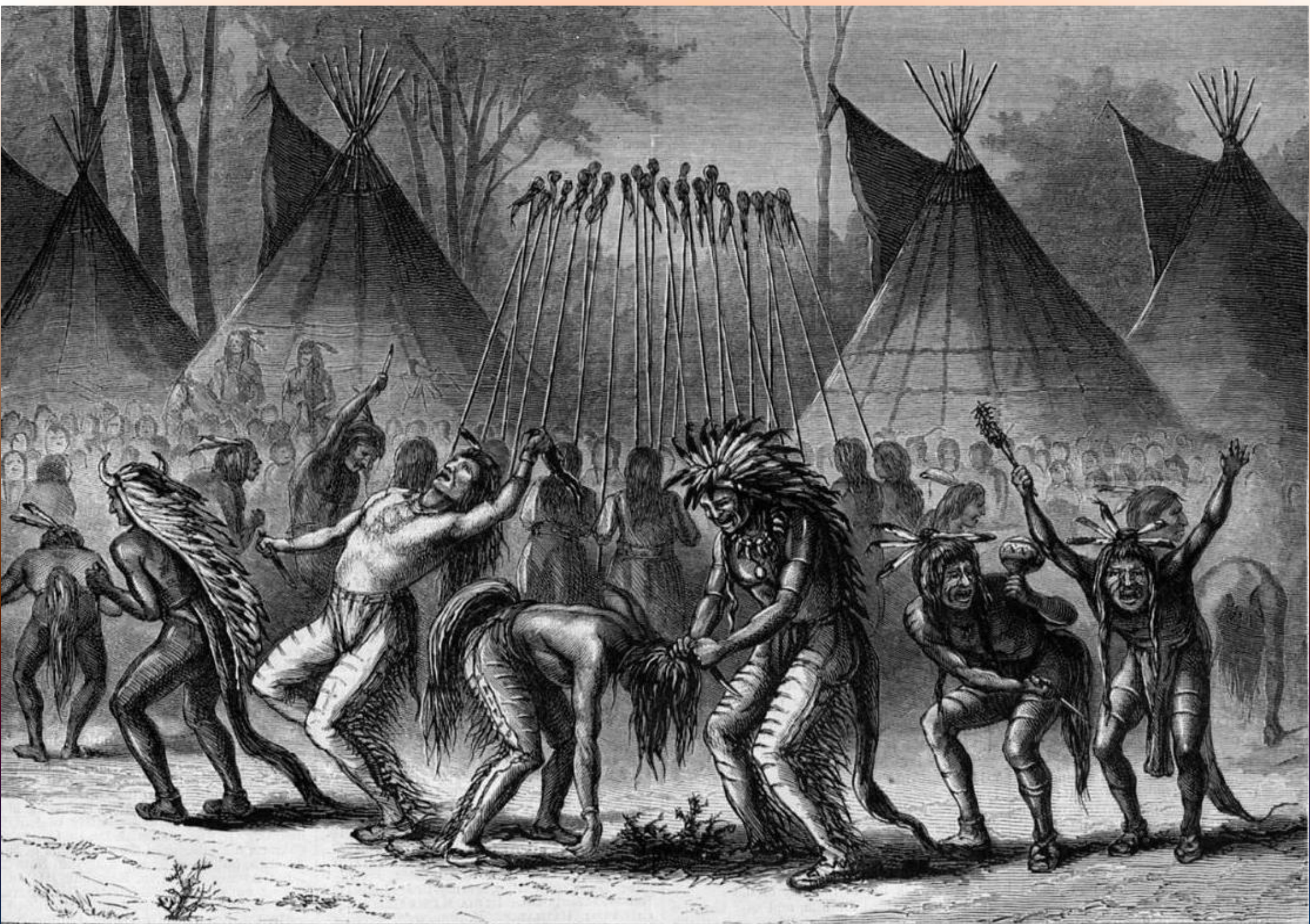
He was engaged to his fiancée' **Jane McCrea**.

David Jones kissed his fiancée' good-bye and went of to join **British General Johnny Burgoyne**.

On night, the Indians returned to camp, hollering with their scalps.







SCALP DANCE.

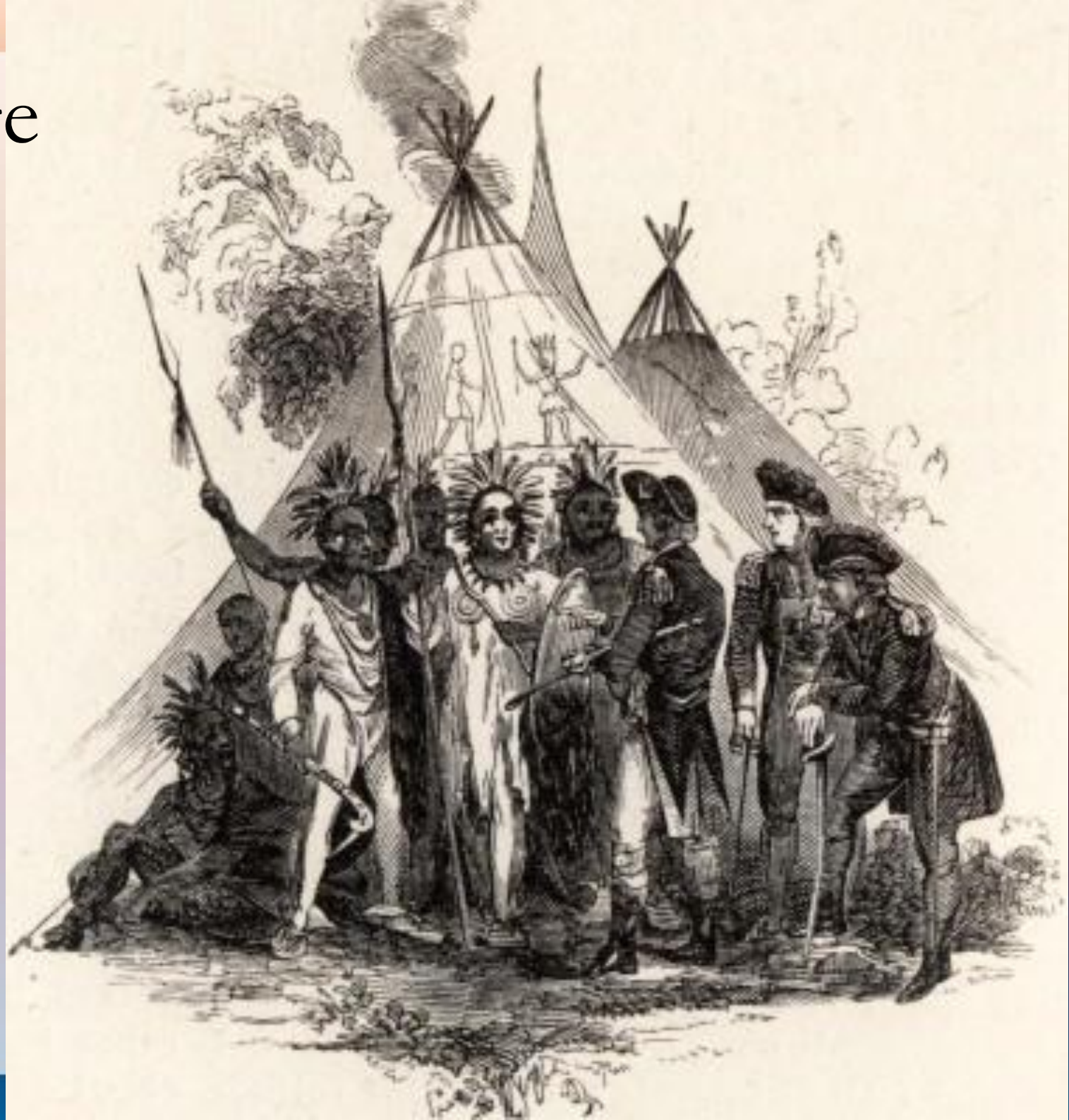
SKETCHES OF INDIAN WARFARE.—DRAWN BY W. M. CARY.—[SEE PAGE 782.]



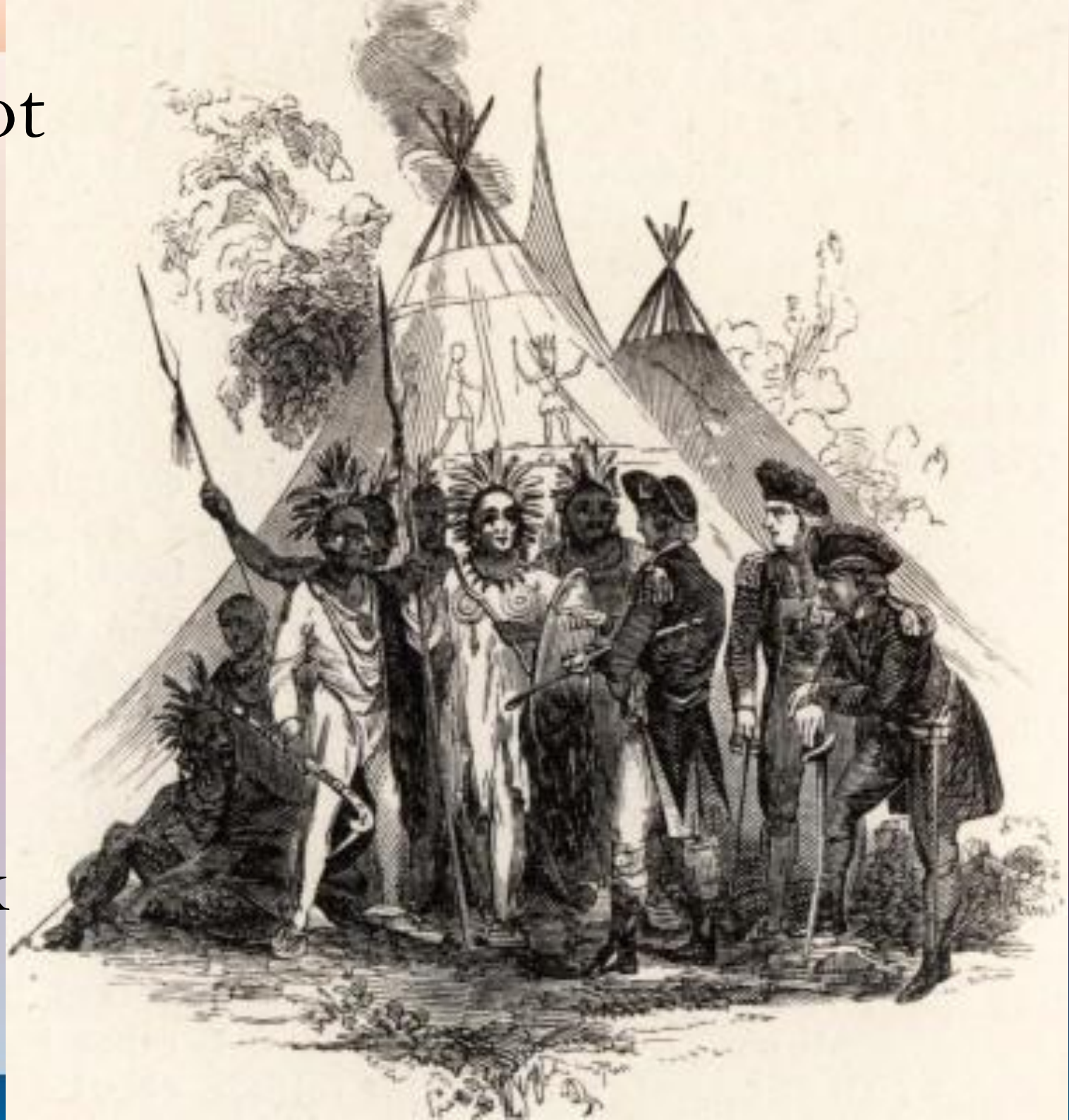
David Jones recognized one as his fiancée's.



An outrage
in the
camp
forced
Burgoyne
to tell the
Indians to
show
restraint.



Indians got
insulted
and left
Burgoyne
stranded
deep in
the
New York
forest.





VICTORY OF SARATOGA

Surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga was a major turning point in Revolution & world history!

John Trumbull's painting is in U.S. Capitol Rotunda.



General Washington wrote to his brother John Augustine the day after the victory:

“I most devoutly congratulate my country, and every well-wisher to the cause, on **this signal stroke of Providence.**”

Nov. 1, 1777 Continental Congress,
First National Day of Thanksgiving

“With one heart and one voice... join
the penitent confession of their
manifold sins...that it may please
God, **through the merits of Jesus
Christ**, mercifully to forgive and blot
them out...”

Continental Congress:.

“...and under the providence of **Almighty God**... secure for these United States the greatest of all human blessings, independence and peace.”

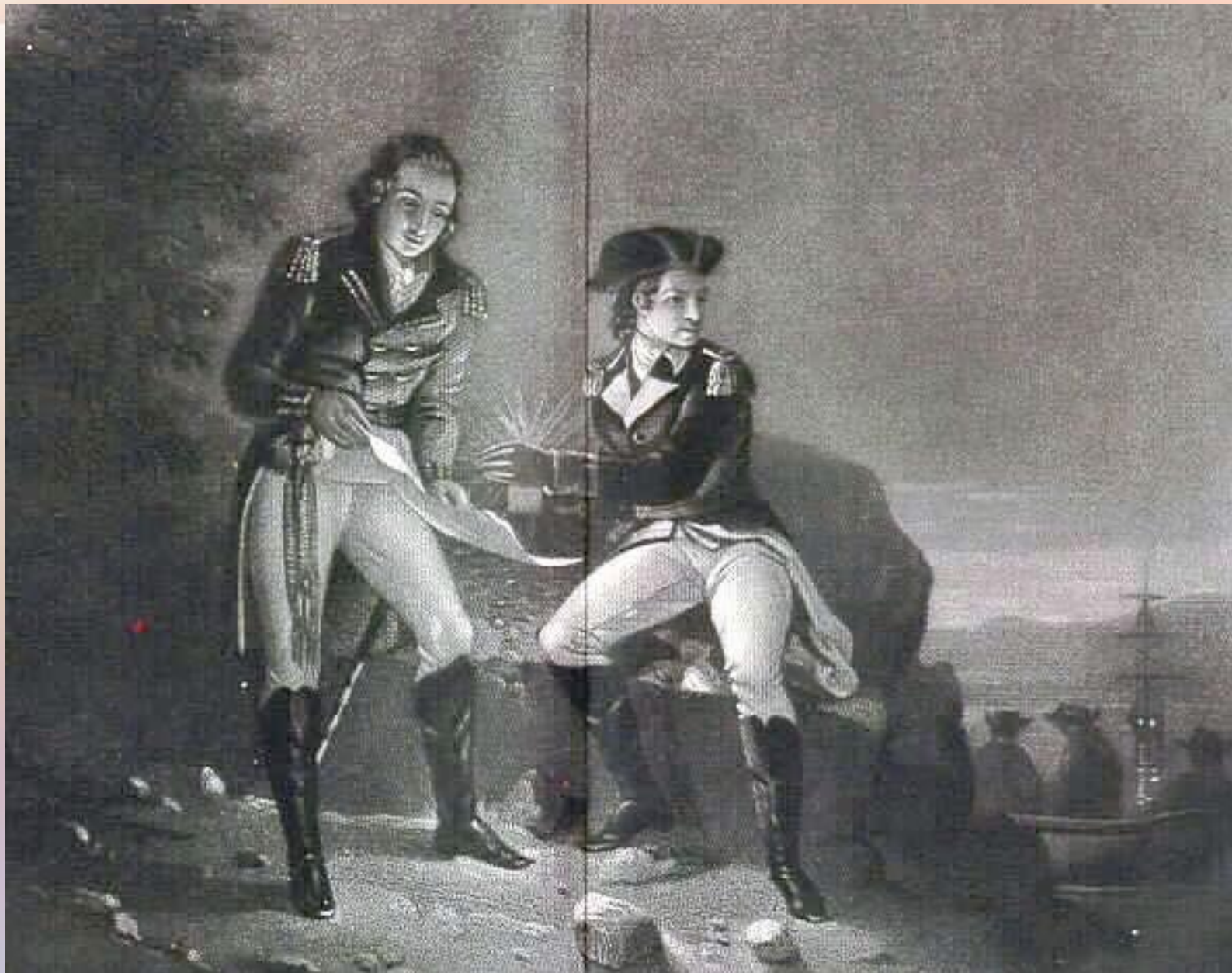
General Washington wrote at
Valley Forge, May 2, 1778:

"To the distinguished character of
Patriot, it should be our highest
Glory to laud the more
distinguished **Character of
Christian.**"

Washington addressed Delaware Indian Chiefs who brought youths to be trained in American schools, stated, May 12, 1779:

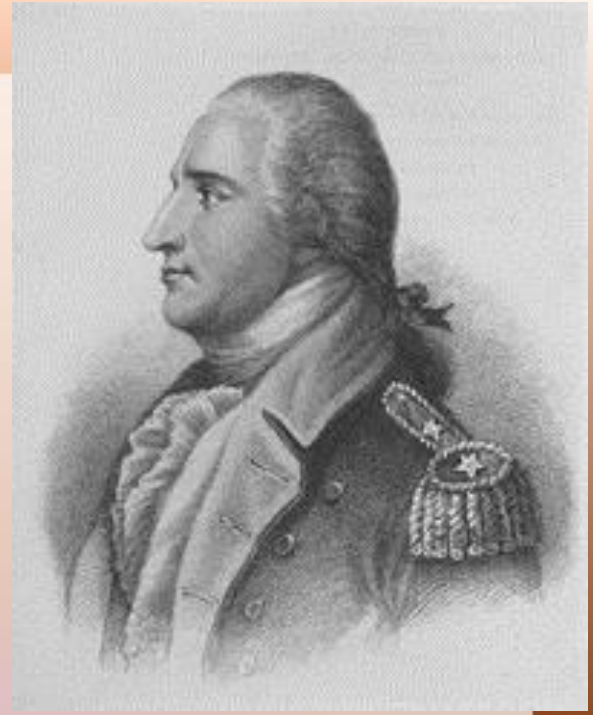
"You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, **the religion of Jesus Christ.**"

Betrayal
of
Benedict Arnold



**BENEDICT ARNOLD MET WITH BRITISH SPY
JOHN ANDRE' TO SURRENDER WEST POINT**





**BENEDICT ARNOLD'S
PLOT DISCOVERED
JUST IN TIME**







From the Collections of the Clements Library

Gen. Nathaniel Greene, Sept. 26, 1780

“Treason of the blackest dye was yesterday discovered!

General Arnold who commanded at West Point, was about to ...
give the American cause a
deadly wound if not fatal stab...”

“...Happily the treason had been timely discovered to prevent the fatal misfortune.

The providential train of circumstances which led to its discovery affords the most convincing proof that the Liberties of America are the object of **divine Protection.**”

Yale President Ezra Stiles, 1783:

“A providential miracle at the last minute detected the treacherous scheme of traitor Benedict Arnold,

which would have delivered the American army, including **George Washington** himself, into the hands of the enemy.”

Continental Congress, Day of
Thanksgiving, Oct. 18, 1780:

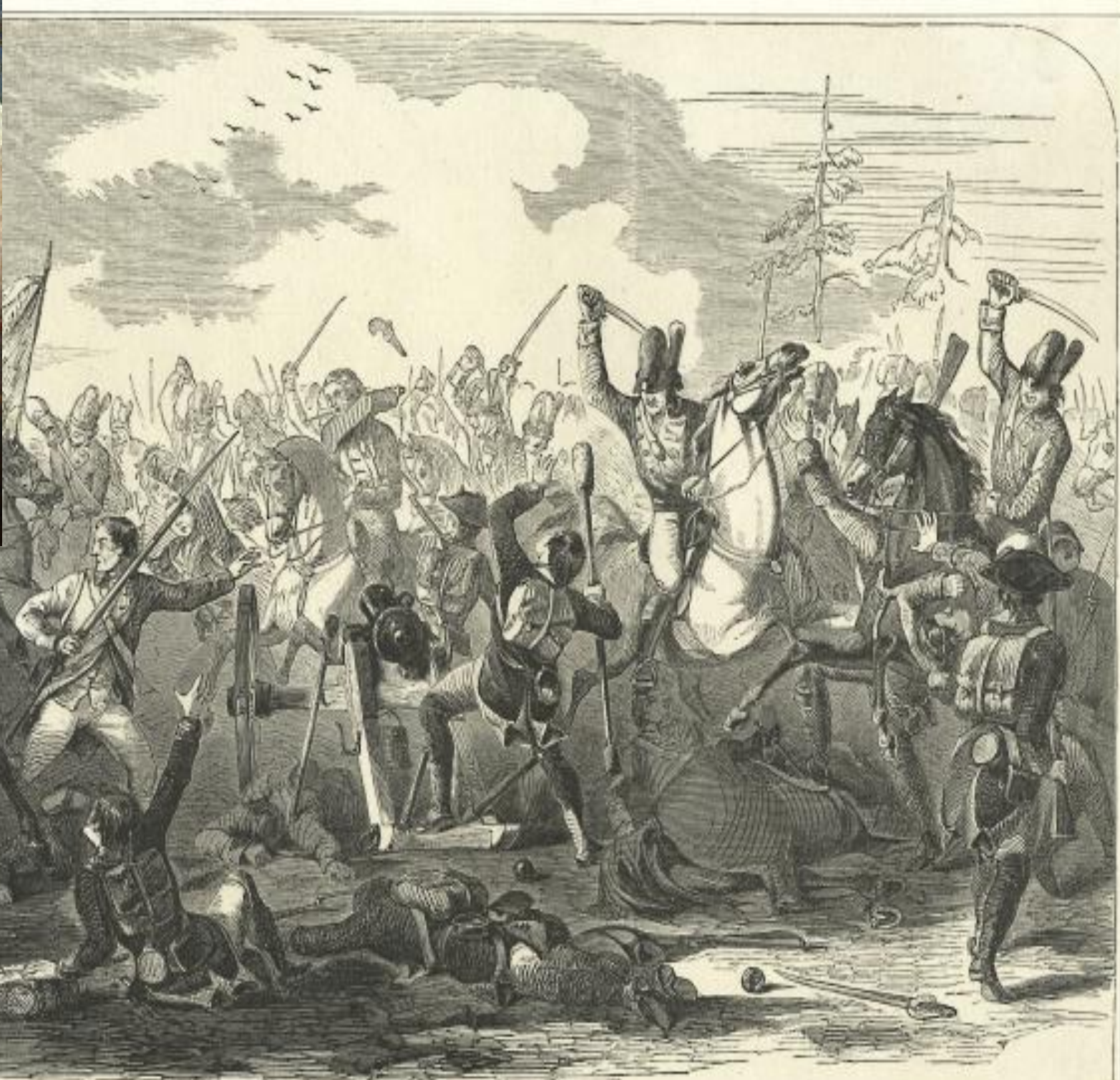
“...remarkable interposition of His
watchful providence, in **the
rescuing the person of our
Commander-in-Chief** and the
army from imminent dangers, **at
the moment when treason was
ripened for execution...**”

“...it is therefore recommended...a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer ... to confess our unworthiness...

and to offer fervent supplications to the God of all grace...**to cause the knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the earth.**”

Battle of Cowpens





THE BATTLE OF THE WAXHAW, MAY 29TH, 1780.

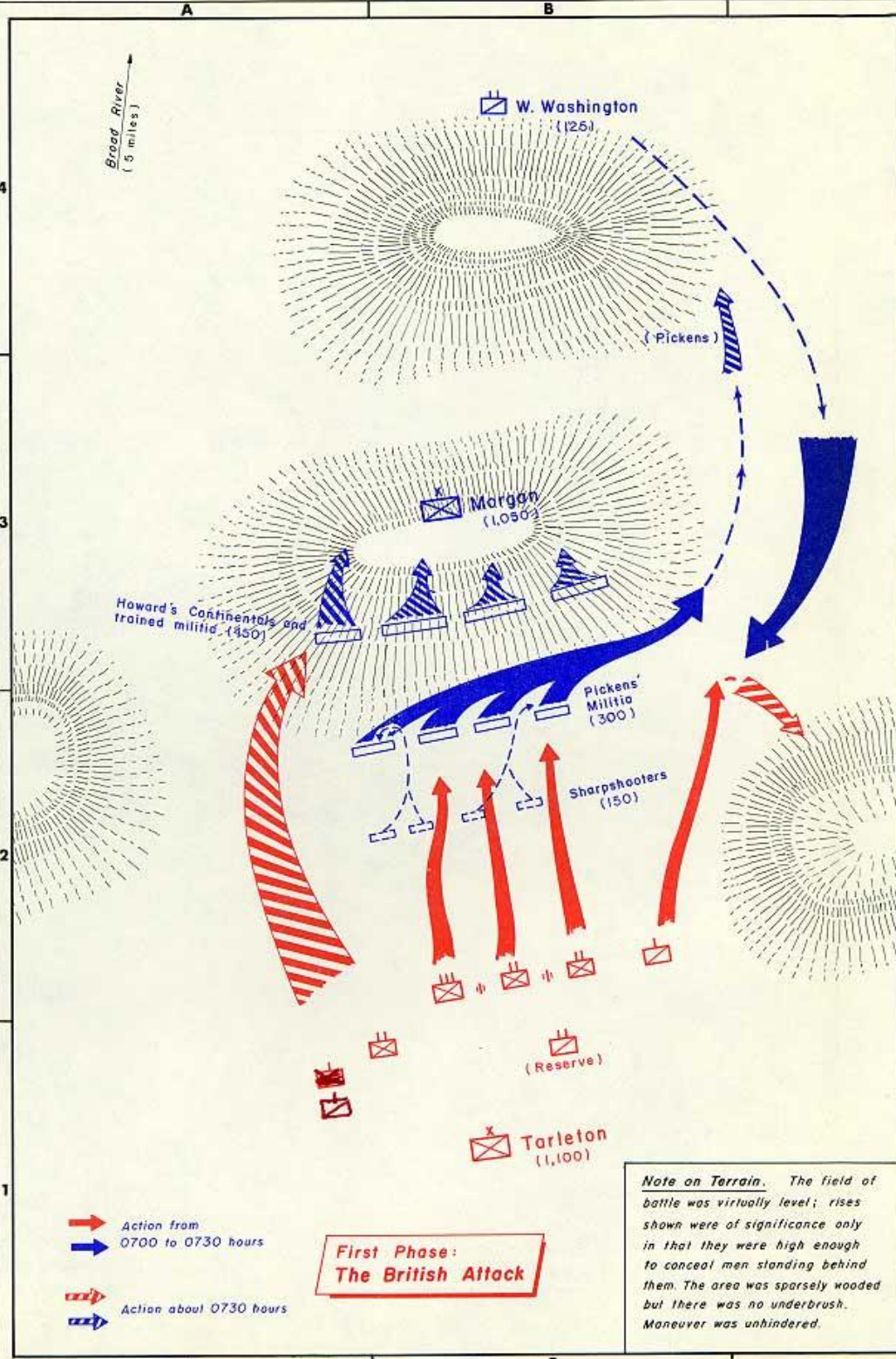


Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781



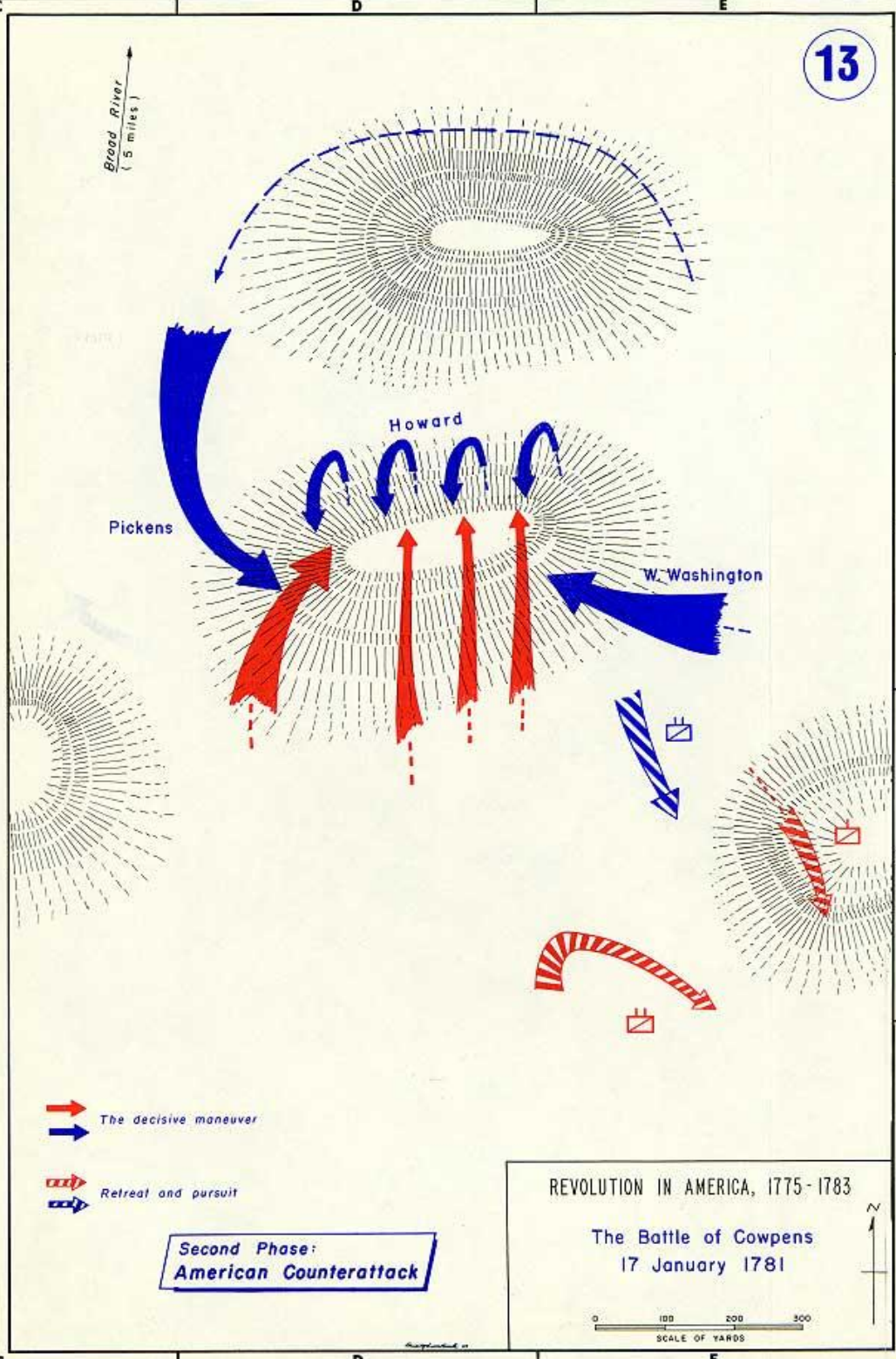
Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781

Broad River
(5 miles)



Note on Terrain. The field of battle was virtually level; rises shown were of significance only in that they were high enough to conceal men standing behind them. The area was sparsely wooded but there was no underbrush. Maneuver was unhindered.

Broad River
(5 miles)



REVOLUTION IN AMERICA, 1775-1783

The Battle of Cowpens
17 January 1781

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SCALE OF YARDS



General Daniel Morgan met up with American **General Nathaniel Greene**, and they made a hasty retreat north toward Virginia.

British Cornwallis regrouped and chased the Americans as fast as he could, burning extra equipment and supplies along the way in order to travel faster.

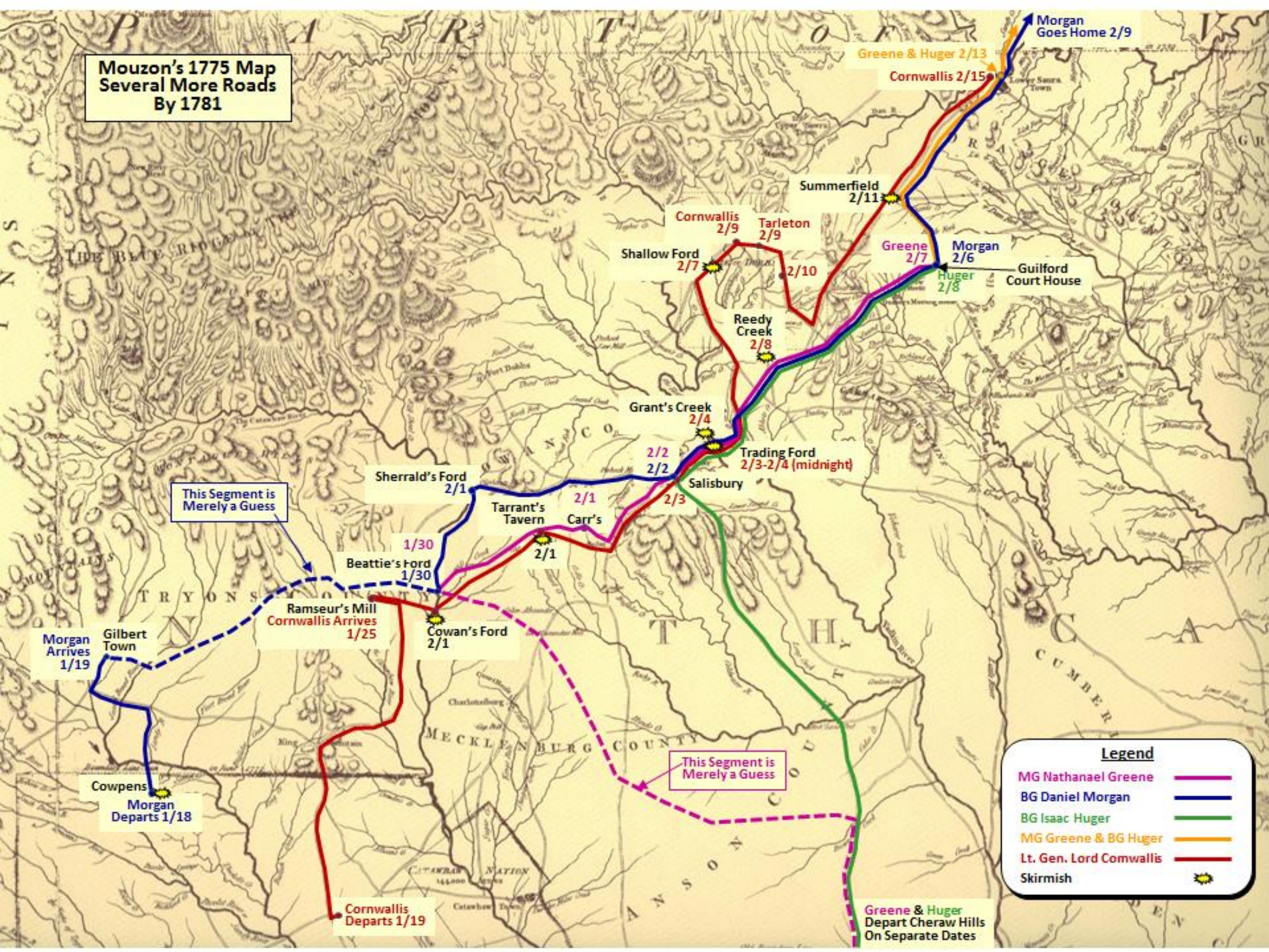


Cornwallis arrived at the **Catawba River** just 2 hours after the Americans had crossed,

but a storm made the river impassable,

delaying the British pursuit.

**Mouzon's 1775 Map
Several More Roads
By 1781**



This Segment is Merely a Guess

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Legend

- MG Nathanael Greene —
- BG Daniel Morgan —
- BG Isaac Huger —
- MG Greene & BG Huger —
- Lt. Gen. Lord Cornwallis —
- Skirmish ☀

Greene & Huger
Depart Cheraw Hills
On Separate Dates

Morgan Arrives
1/19

Cowpens
Morgan
Departs 1/18

Ramseur's Mill
Cornwallis Arrives
1/25

Cornwallis
Departs 1/19

Cowan's Ford
2/1

Sherrald's Ford
2/1

Beattie's Ford
1/30

Tarrant's Tavern
2/1

Carr's
2/1

Grant's Creek
2/4

Trading Ford
2/3-2/4 (midnight)

Salisbury
2/3

Reedy Creek
2/8

Shallow Ford
2/7

Tarleton
2/9

Summerfield
2/11

Greene & Huger
2/13

Cornwallis
2/15

Greene
2/7

Huger
2/8

Morgan
2/6

Morgan
Goes Home 2/9

Guilford
Court House

Cornwallis raced to catch the Americans,
discarding supplies to march faster.

Cornwallis arrived at
Yadkin River just after Americans had
crossed, but the river rose again.

This happened again at the **Dan River**.



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CAMPAIGN OF 1781

BOYD'S AND IRWIN'S FERRIES TO THE WEST WERE USED BY NATHANAEL GREENE IN HIS PASSAGE OF DAN RIVER, IN MID-FEBRUARY, 1781, WHILE CORNWALLIS WAS IN CLOSE PURSUIT. EDWARD CARRINGTON COLLECTED THE BOATS FOR THE CROSSING.

British
Commander
Henry Clinton:
“Here the royal
army was again
stopped by a
sudden rise
of the
waters...



...which had
only just
fallen,
almost
miraculously,
to let the
enemy over...”



...who could not else have eluded Lord Cornwallis' grasp, so close was he upon their rear.”



Yale President Ezra Stiles, May 8, 1783:

“Should we not...ascribe to a **Supreme Energy**...the wise...generalship displayed by General Greene...leaving the...roving Cornwallis to pursue his helter-skelter ill fated march into Virginia.”

Gen. Washington wrote to William Gordon, March of 1781:

“We have...abundant reasons to **thank Providence** for its many favorable interpositions in our behalf. It has at times been my only dependence, for all other resources seemed to have failed us.”

Together 17,000 French & American troops surrounded Cornwallis.

The **French fleet** kept British ships away.



Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781



Yale President Ezra Stiles wrote:

“**Who but God** could have ordained the critical arrival of the Gallic (French) fleet, so as to...assist...in the siege...of Yorktown?...

It is **God** who had raised up for us a...powerful ally...a chosen army and a naval force: who sent us a Rochambeau.”

General Washington wrote:

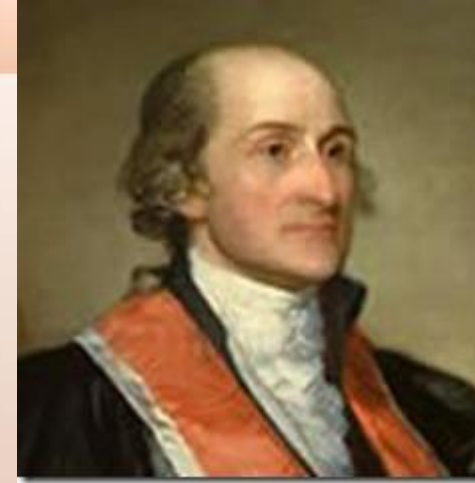
“To diffuse the general Joy
through every Breast the General

orders... **Divine Service** to be performed
tomorrow in the several Brigades...

The Commander-in-Chief earnestly
recommends troops not on duty should
universally attend with that gratitude of heart
which the recognition of such **astonishing**
Interposition of Providence demands.”

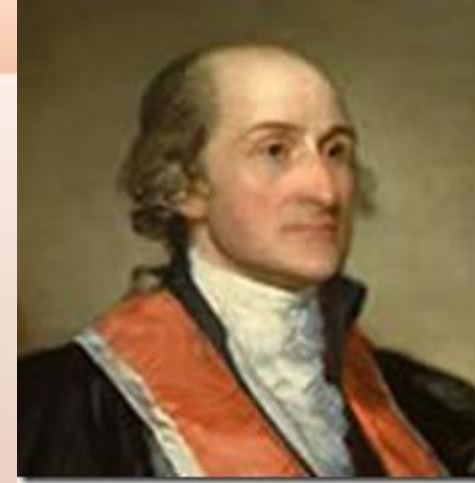


Chief Justice John Jay, 1777:



"This glorious revolution...is distinguished by so many **marks of the Divine favor and interposition**, that no doubt can remain of its being supported in a manner so singular, **and I may say miraculous**, that when future ages shall read its history they will be tempted to consider a great part of it as fabulous."

Chief Justice John Jay noted in 1777:



"Will it not appear extraordinary that thirteen colonies...without funds...without disciplined troops, in the face of their enemies,

unanimously determine to be free, and, undaunted by the power of Britain, **refer their cause to the justice of the Almighty.**"

Washington wrote Feb. 6, 1783:



“It will not be believed that such a force as Great Britain has employed for eight years in this country could be baffled in their plan of subjugating it

by numbers infinitely less, composed of men oftentimes half starved; always in rags, without pay, and experiencing, at times, every species of distress which human nature is capable of undergoing.”

General Washington, Nov. 2, 1783:



"The singular interpositions of Providence in our feeble condition were such, as could scarcely escape the attention of the most unobserving;

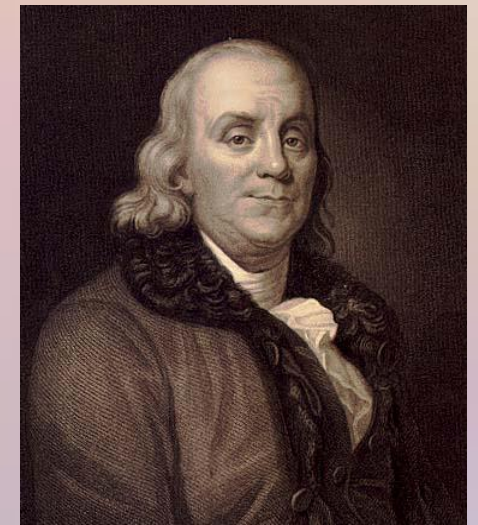
while the...perseverance of the Armies of the United States, through almost every possible suffering and discouragement for the space of eight long years, **was little short of a standing miracle."**

Franklin said at the Constitutional Convention, 1787:

“In the beginning of the Contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had **daily prayer in this room for the divine protection.-**

Our prayers, Sir, were heard, & they were graciously answered.

All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have **observed frequent instances of a superintending providence in our favor.”**



Sam Adams, August 1, 1776:

“There are instances of...an **almost astonishing Providence in our favor;**

our success has staggered our enemies, and almost given faith to infidels; so that we may truly say it is not our own arm which has saved us.

The hand of Heaven appears to have led us on to be, perhaps, humble instruments and means in the great **Providential** dispensation which is completing.”



War ended - Treaty of Paris, Sept. 3, 1783:

“In the name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

It having pleased the **Divine Providence** to dispose the hearts of the most serene and most potent Prince George the Third, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain...

to forget all past misunderstandings and differences...

Done at Paris, this third day of September, in the **year of our Lord** one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.”

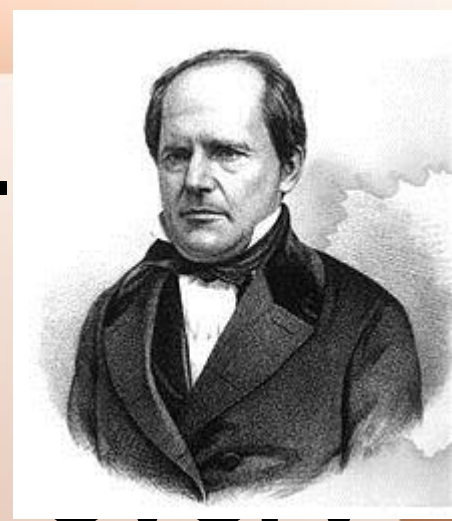
Ronald Reagan, 1983 Day of Prayer Proclamation:



“In 1775, the Continental Congress proclaimed the **first National Day of Prayer...**

In 1783, the Treaty of Paris officially ended the long, weary Revolutionary War during which a **National Day of Prayer** had been proclaimed **every spring for eight years.**”

Journal of U.S. House, Rep.
James Meacham, 1854:



“Down to the Revolution,
colony did sustain religion in
some form.

It was deemed peculiarly proper
that the religion of liberty should
be upheld by a free people.”

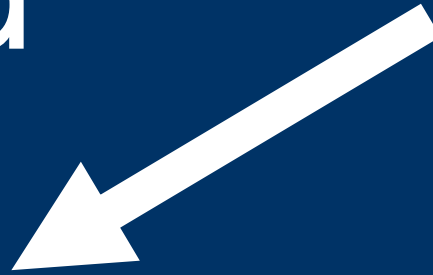
“...Had the people, during the Revolution, had a suspicion of any attempt to war against Christianity, that Revolution would have been strangled in its cradle.”





Concentrated Power of Monarch

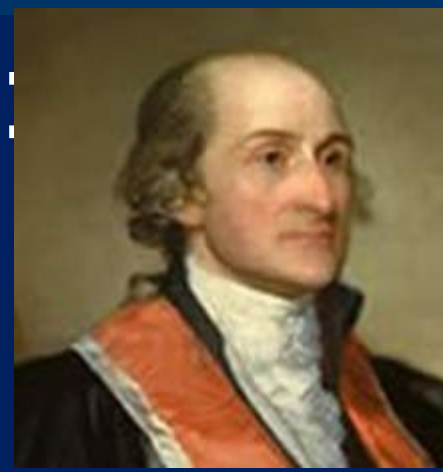
Separated Power of Constitution



- 3 Branches
- Fed v State
- 10 handcuffs
(Amendments)



Chief Justice John Jay, 1777:



"Americans are the first people whom Heaven has favored with an opportunity of...

choosing the forms of government under which they should live.

All other constitutions have derived their existence from violence or accidental circumstances."

Chief Justice John Jay, 1777:



"Your lives,
your liberties,
your property,
will be at the disposal only of
your Creator and yourselves."

President Reagan, 1961:



"In this country of ours
took place THE GREATEST
REVOLUTION that has ever
taken place in the world's history.

Every other revolution simply
exchanged one set of rulers for
another."

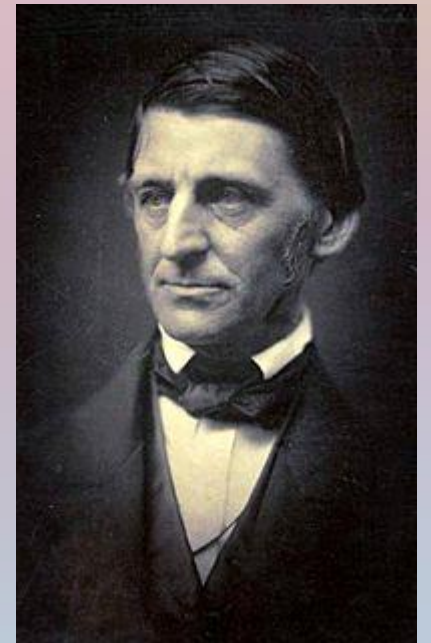
“Here for the FIRST TIME
in all the THOUSANDS OF
YEARS of man's relation
to man...the founding fathers
established the idea that you and I
had within ourselves

the GOD-GIVEN RIGHT and
ABILITY to determine our own
destiny.”



“America...appears like a
last effort of divine
Providence in behalf of
the human race.”

- Ralph Waldo
Emerson



An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a dramatic sky with golden clouds and a blue upper portion. The flag is positioned on the right side of the frame, extending from the top to the bottom.

Miracles

IN AMERICAN HISTORY

— 32 —
AMAZING STORIES
OF
ANSWERED PRAYER

SUSIE FEDERER
Adapted from William J. Federer's American Minute

**King Louis XVI sent French Navy to help
America win Independence.**



War debt & famine led to France devolving into a violent mob.

They arrested and beheaded King Louis XVI & Maria Antoinette

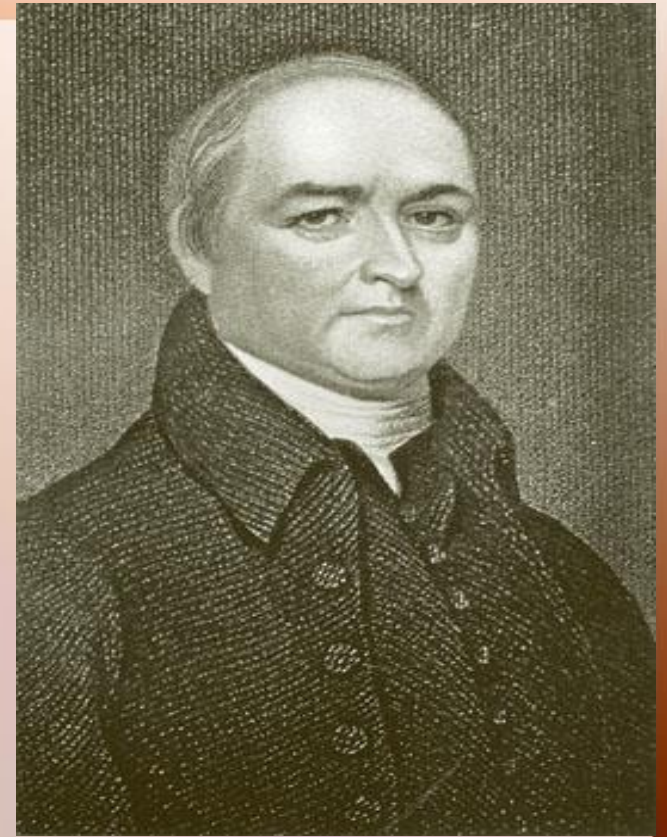


Reign of Terror in Paris - Robespierre headed up the Committee of Public Safety, accusing, arresting, **beheading**

- King Louis XVI
- Marie Antoinette
- Royalty
- Wealthy
- Businessmen Farmers
- Hoarders
- Clergy
- Former revolutionists
- 40,000 beheaded
in Paris



**Yale President
Timothy Dwight gave
an address in New
Haven, July 4, 1798,
“The Duty of
Americans at the
Present Crisis.”**

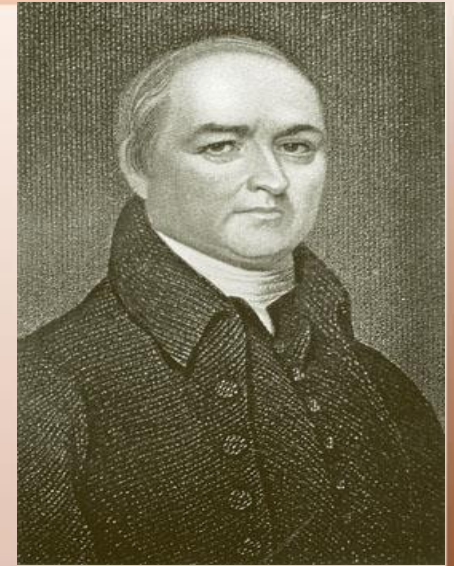


**"About the year 1728,
Voltaire, so celebrated for
his wit and ... his hatred
of Christianity...**



**formed a systematical design to
destroy Christianity and to
introduce in its stead a general
diffusion of irreligion and
atheism."**

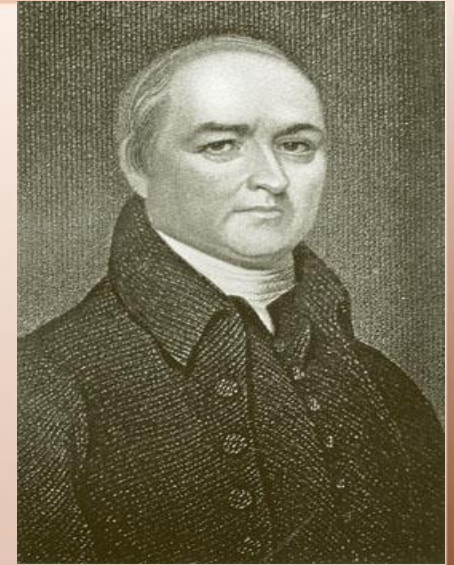
Dwight continued:



"The principle parts of this system were:

**The compilation of the
Encyclopedie: in which with
great art and insidiousness the
doctrines of ... Christian theology
were rendered absurd and
ridiculous...**

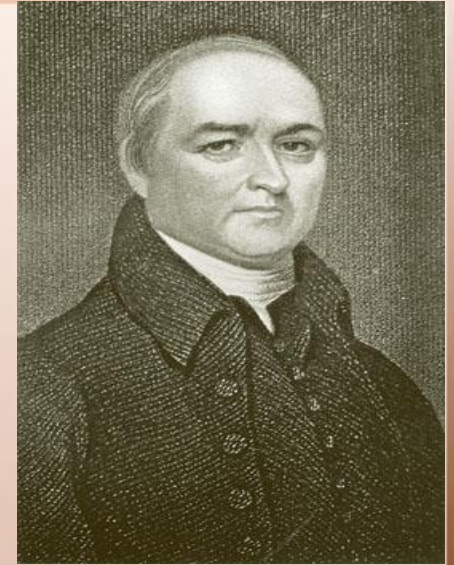
“The being of God was denied and ridiculed...



Possession of property was pronounced robbery.

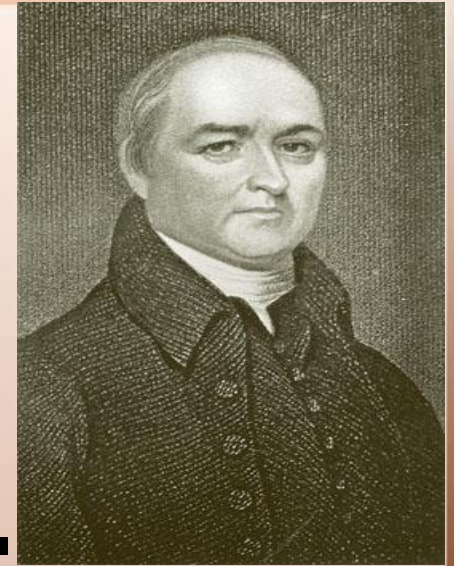
Chastity and natural affection were declared to be nothing more than groundless prejudices...”

**“ Adultery, assassination,
poisoning, and other
crimes of the like infernal
nature,**



**were taught as lawful...provided
the end was good....”**

**“The education of youth...
books replete with
infidelity, irreligion,
immorality, and obscenity...**



**To destroy us therefore, our
enemies must first destroy our
Sabbath and seduce us from the
house of God."**





It was an intentional
campaign to **erase**
Judeo-Christian
influence on
French
society.



*Churches were closed;



***Religious monuments
destroyed;**



*Robespierre used 'terror' as part of Committee of Public Safety



***Graves desecrated;**



*Crosses forbidden;



***No public or private worship**



*Church education outlawed;



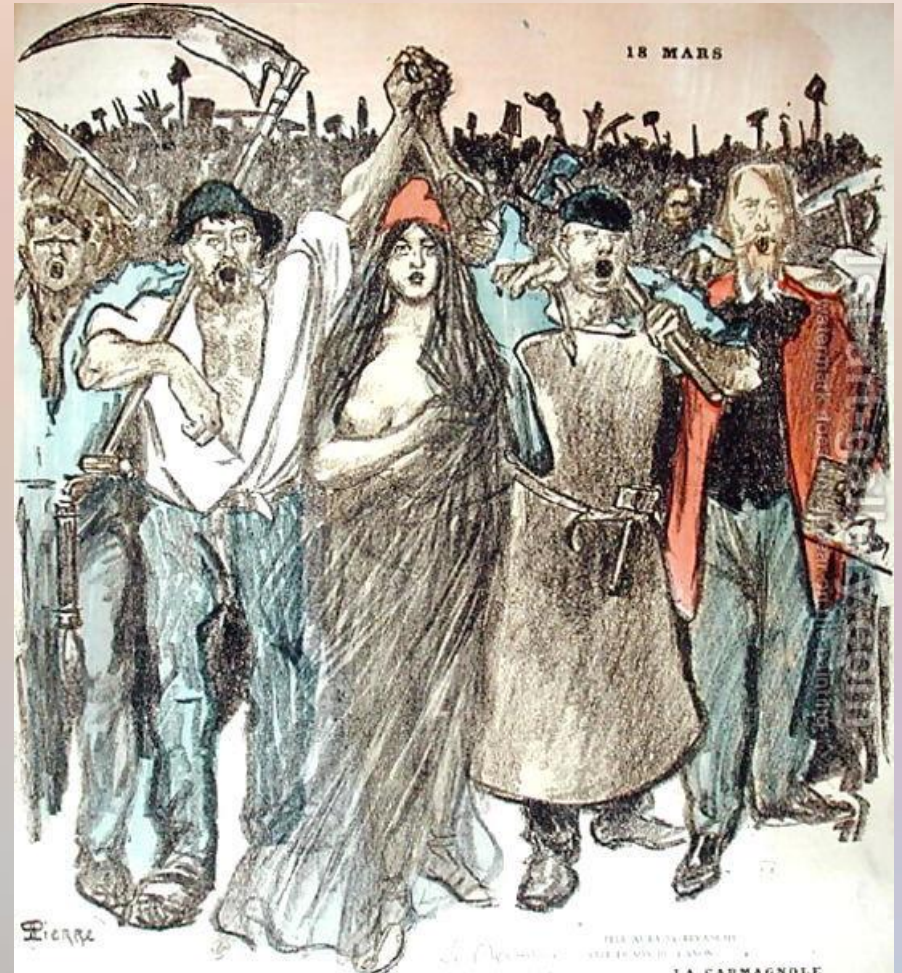
***Ministers & priests, and those who harbored them, executed on sight; (similar to Mexico 1917 w/President Calles)**



**300,000 killed
in France,
especially in
Catholic area of
the Vendee.**



Robespierre put prostitute in Notre Dame to be worshiped as the 'goddess of reason'.



1792 the
new YEAR
ONE

10 days per
week

N O U V E L L E S

Solstice à 3 heures 20 minutes:
Dernier Quartier à 6 h. 28 m. Pl
Nouvelle Lune à 9 h. 52 m. Pl

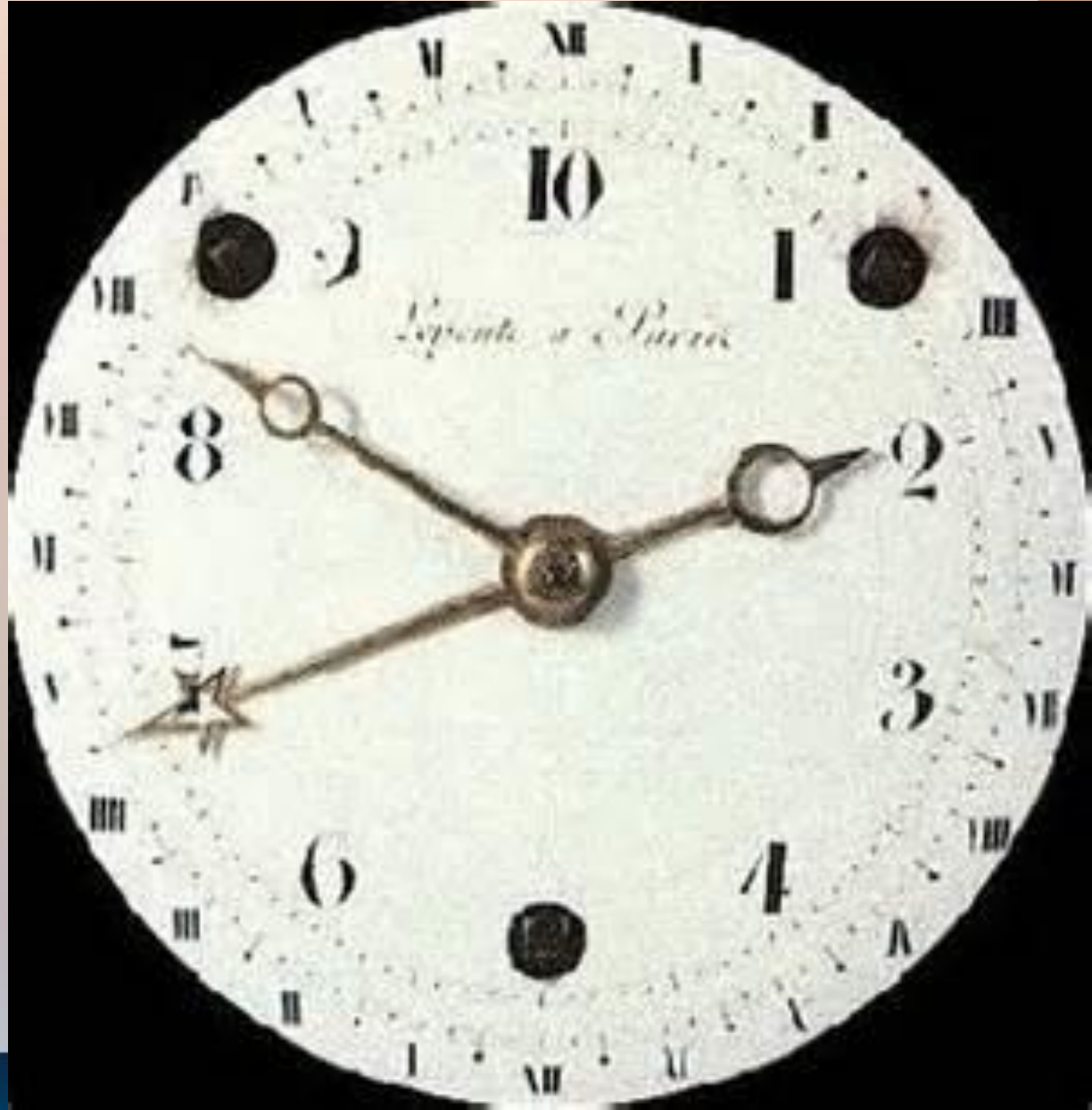
Jours.	Soleil.		
	Lever.	Couch.	Declinaison.
	H. M.	H. M.	D. M. S.
1	4 50	6 20	26 4
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3	4 50	6 20	26 57
4	4 50	6 20	26 62
5	4 50	6 20	26 64
6	4 50	6 21	25 98
7	4 50	6 21	25 95
8	4 50	6 21	25 90
9	4 50	6 21	25 84
10	4 50	6 21	25 77
11	4 50	6 22	25 70

Autrefois, Autrefois,

10 decimal hours per day

100 decimal minutes per hour

100 decimal seconds per minute





**French privateers captured 300
American ships.**





French Foreign Minister

Talleyrand demanded extortion
money.

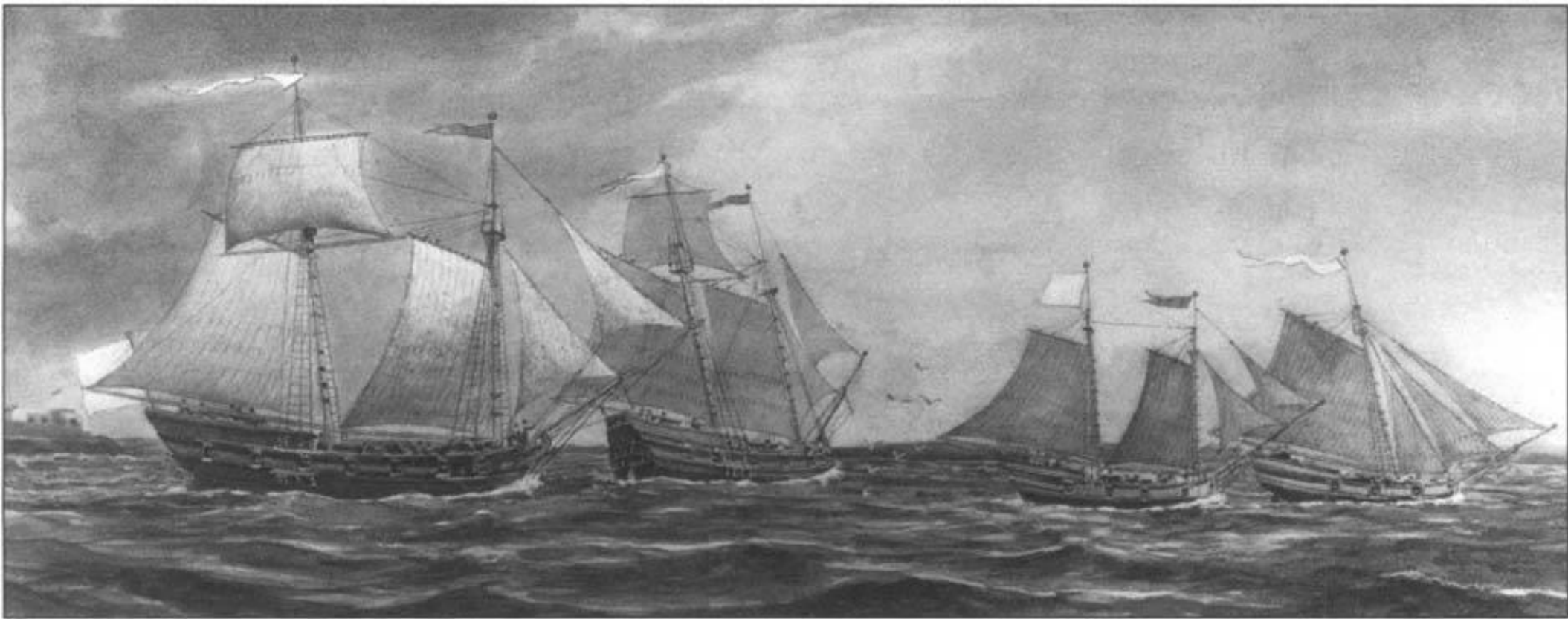
Cry across
America

**“Millions for
defense**

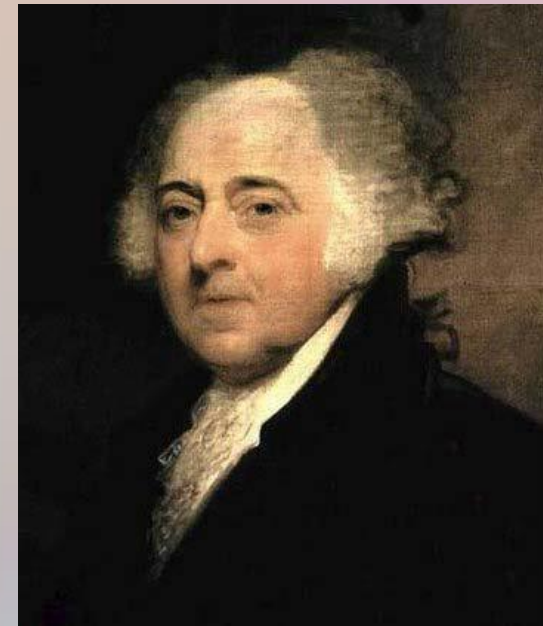
**Not one cent
for tribute”**







**WHEN ADAMS
DECLARED A DAY OF
FASTING AND PRAYER,
WAR WITH FRANCE
AVERTED**



Pres. Adams, Day of Fasting, 1798:

“As...the people of the United States are still held in jeopardy by...**insidious acts of a foreign nation,**

as well as by the dissemination among them of those principles **subversive to the foundations of all religious, moral, and social obligations.....**

“I hereby recommend...**a Day of Solemn Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer**” that the citizens...call to mind our numerous offenses against the **Most High God**,

confess them before Him with the sincerest penitence, implore His pardoning mercy, through the **Great Mediator & Redeemer**, for our past transgressions,

“and ... through the grace of His Holy Spirit, we may...yield...suitable obedience to His righteous requisitions...

“Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.”



CANE RIDGE REVIVAL

Sketch by an artist of an opening phase of the revival held at Cane Ridge, Bourbon County, Kentucky, August 1-17, 1800.











- World Missionary
Movement

- Abolitionist Movement





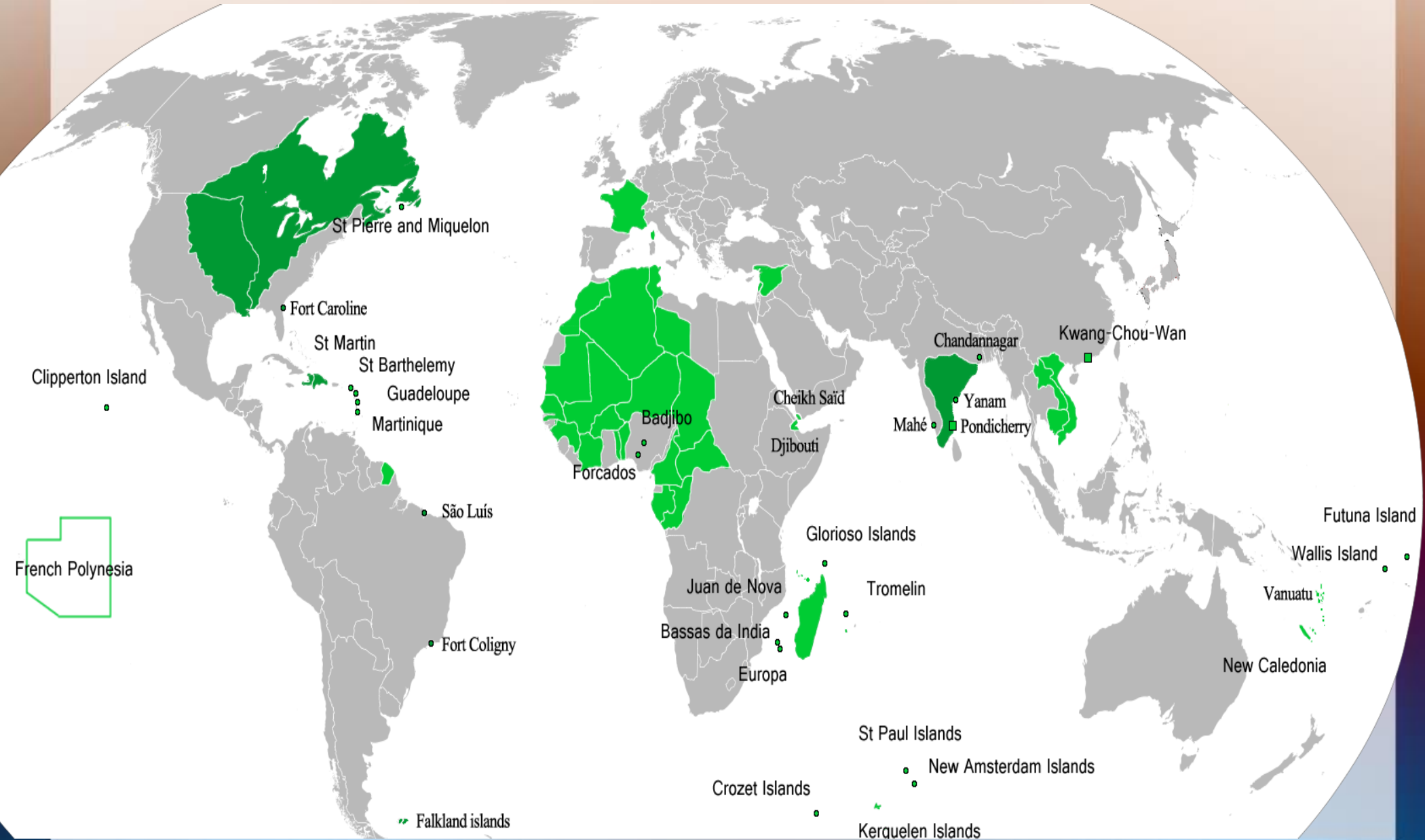


1805

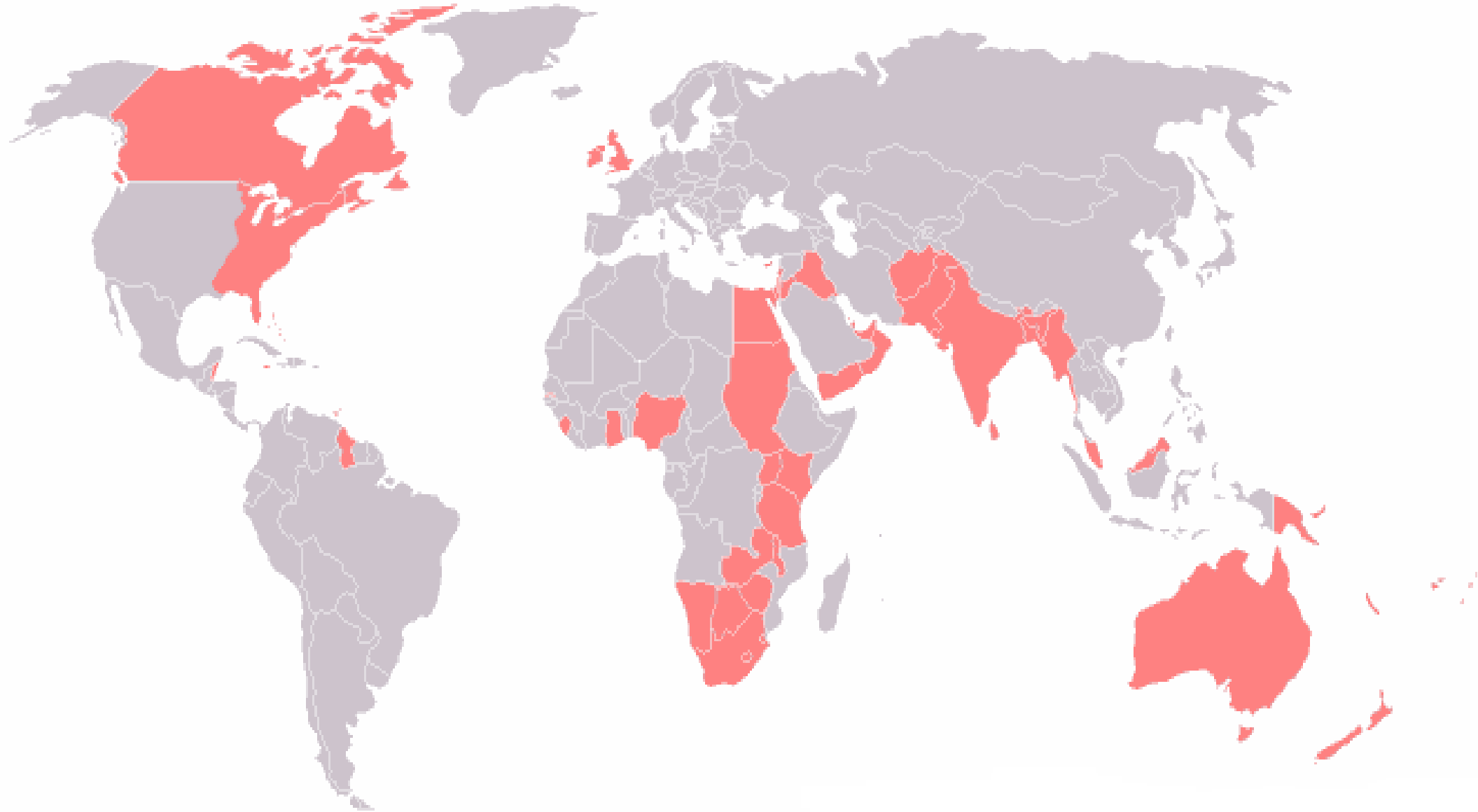
Napoleon's combined French & Spanish fleet are defeated by British Admiral Horatio Nelson - Battle of Trafalgar, **making the British Navy the most power navy in the world.**



French Empire at its greatest extent



British Empire at its greatest extent



In June 1812,
Napoleon
invaded Russia
with 500,000 men.

6 month later he
left Russia with
50,000.

Napoleon
abdicated April 6, 1814. exiled to Island of Elba.

Napoleon's losses freed up British forces to
invade Washington, D.C.





**James Madison proclaimed
Day of Prayer
during the War of 1812
to be observed
SEPTEMBER 9, 1813**



“... render Him thanks...**acknowledging
the transgressions** which might justly
provoke His divine displeasure ...

”...seeking His merciful forgiveness ...

4.

James Madison 1809-1817



and with a reverence for the **unerring precept of our holy religion, to do to others as they would require that others should do to them.**

On SEPTEMBER 10, 1813

28 year old **Cap. Oliver Hazard Perry**, with most of his crew being free Blacks, confronted a British squadron on **Lake Erie**

His flagship ***USS Lawrence*** splintered to pieces by long-range British cannons.

BRITISH FLEET

Flagship of Captain Barclay
Detroit

Queen Charlotte

Lady Prescott

Little Bell

Chippewa

Humber

Scorpion

Arcturion

Lawrence
Flagship of
Commodore Perry

Caledonia

AMERICAN FLEET

Niagara

Romant

Porcupine

Tigress

Tripp

12:15 pm





*DONT GIVE UP
THE SHIP*

British expected him to surrender, but instead he and his crew rowed a quarter mile under fierce gunfire to his second ship, the *Niagara*.



BRITISH FLEET

Flagship of Captain Barclay
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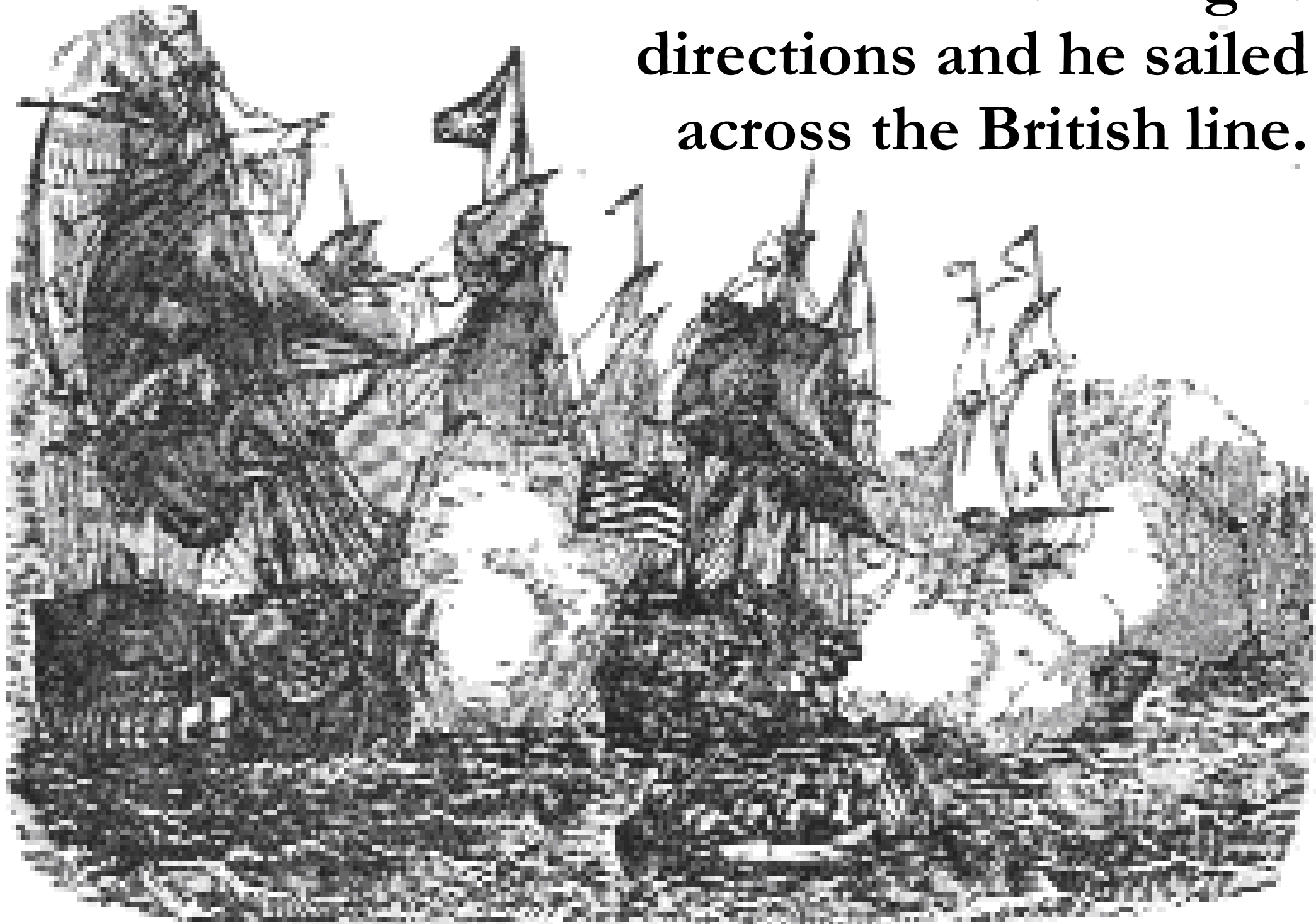
Tigress

Tripp

12:15 pm



**The wind changed
directions and he sailed
across the British line.**





3:00 PM

Lawrence



Captain Oliver Perry told his
men on deck:

**“The prayers of my wife are
answered.”**

To Secretary of the Navy, he wrote:

“It has pleased the Almighty to give the arms of the United States a signal victory over their enemies on this lake.

The British squadron, consisting of two ships, two brigs, one schooner, and one sloop have this moment surrendered to the force of my command after a sharp conflict.”

President Madison stated in his Annual Message, December 7, 1813:

“It has pleased the Almighty to bless our arms...

On **Lake Erie**, the squadron under the command of **Captain Perry** having met the British squadron of superior force, a sanguinary conflict **ended in the capture of the whole.**”

August 24, 1814, **4,500 British soldiers** marched in Washington, D.C.



Dolly Madison had portrait of Washington cut from its frame and rode out of town.



British Admiral George Cockburn rode in.



**Admiral
Cockburn
entered the
White House,
ate dinner,
then set it on
fire.**



Admiral Cockburn
had soldiers sit in
Congressmen's chairs
and held a mock
Congress.

Asking who was in
favor of **burning**
rebel Capitol. They
yelled, "aye."



British torched
-U.S. Capitol,
-the Treasury,
-the Library of
Congress,
-attacked Navy Yard.

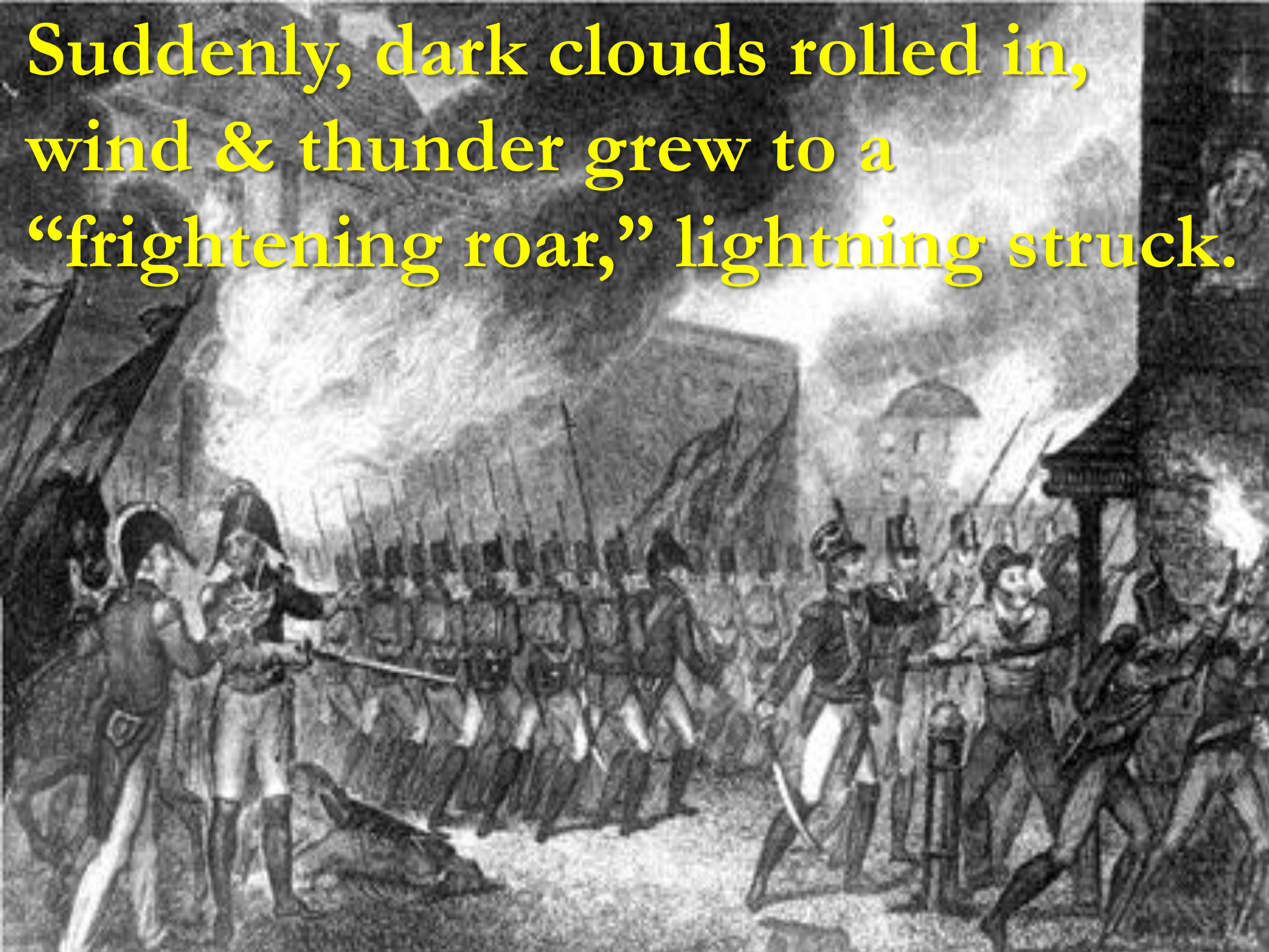




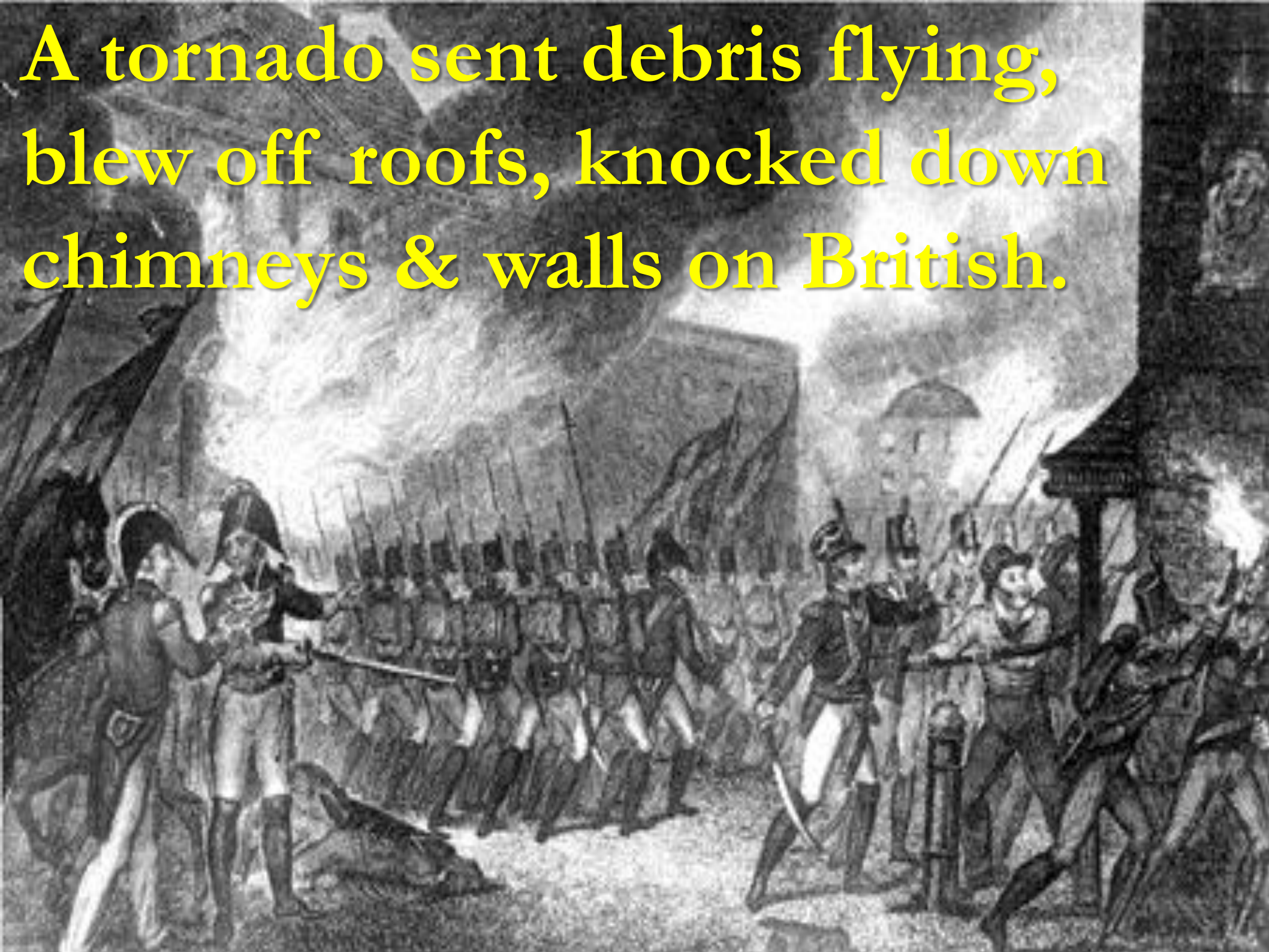


GENERAL BURNING THE CAPITOL - 1861

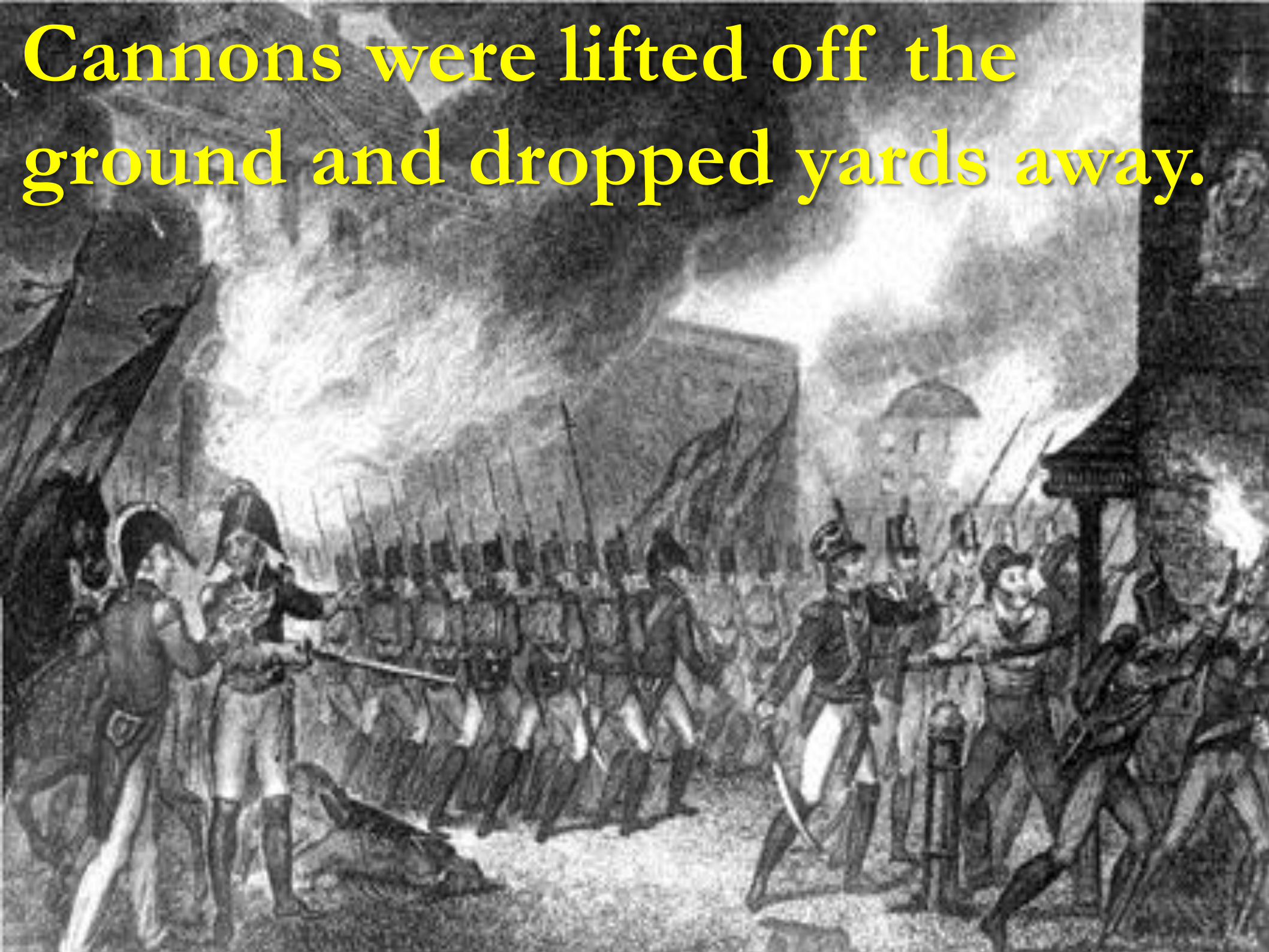
Suddenly, dark clouds rolled in,
wind & thunder grew to a
“frightening roar,” lightning struck.



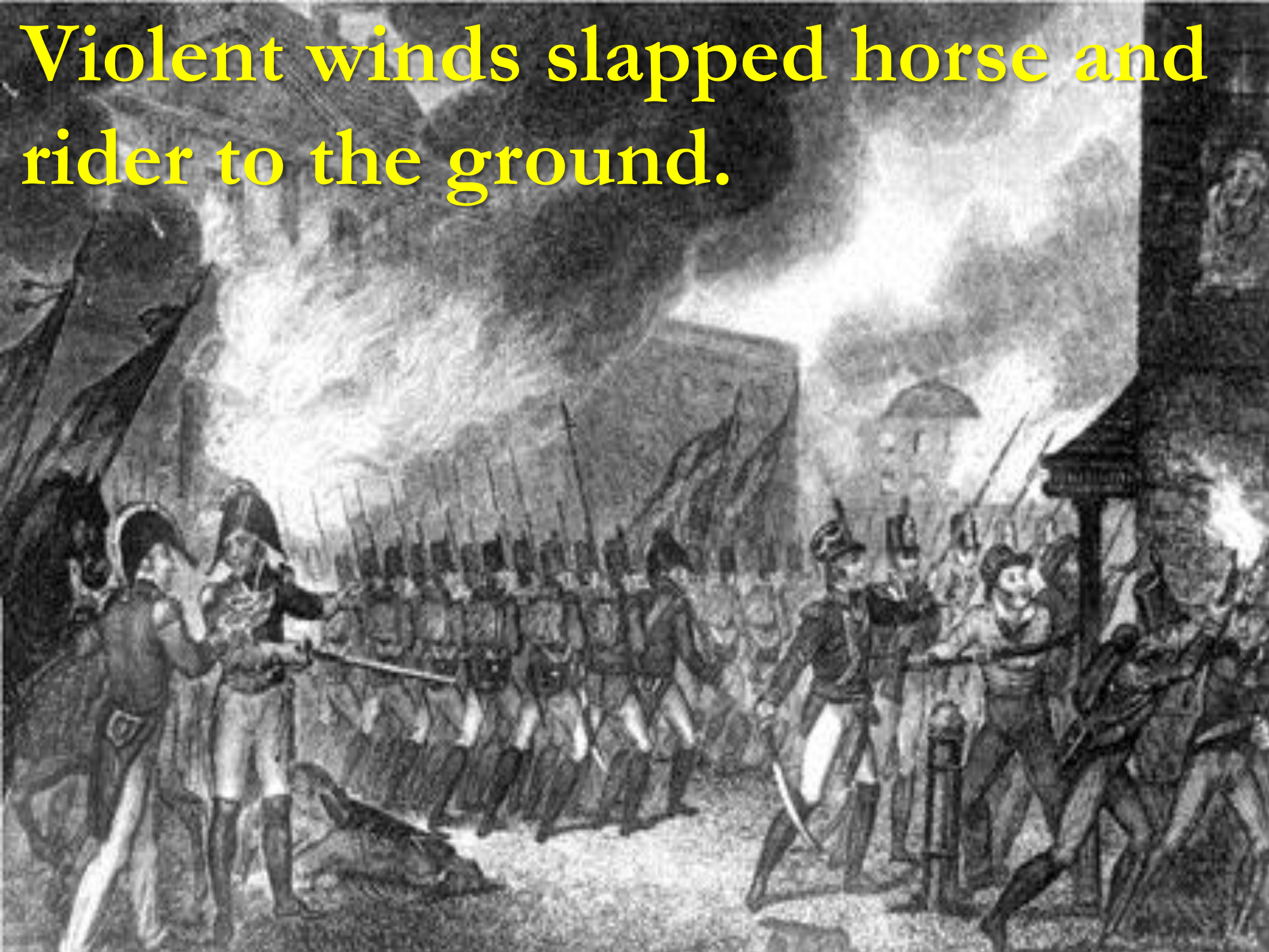
**A tornado sent debris flying,
blew off roofs, knocked down
chimneys & walls on British.**



Cannons were lifted off the ground and dropped yards away.



Violent winds slapped horse and rider to the ground.



The book, *Washington Weather*, recorded British Admiral George Cockburn exclaiming to a lady:

“Great God, Madam! Is this the kind of storm to

which you are accustomed in this infernal country?”



To which the lady replied:

**“No, Sir, this is a special
interposition of Providence
to drive our enemies
from our city.”**



British
forces fled.

Torrential
rains put
out the
fires.



British
marched
back to their
ships on
roads
covered with
downed
trees.



Two of their
ships were
blown
ashore

and

other ships
had damaged
riggings.



A British historian wrote: “**More British soldiers were killed by this stroke of nature ...**”



CAPTURE AND BURNING OF WASHINGTON BY THE BRITISH, IN 1814.

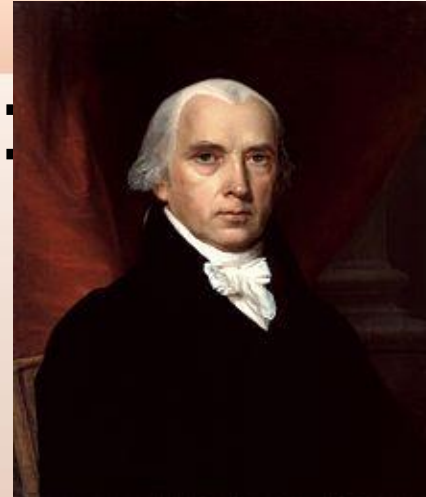
“... than from all the firearms the American troops had mustered in the feeble defense of their city.”



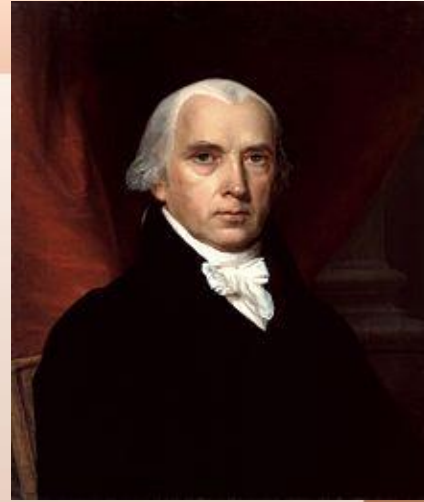
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President Madison, Sept. 1, 1814:

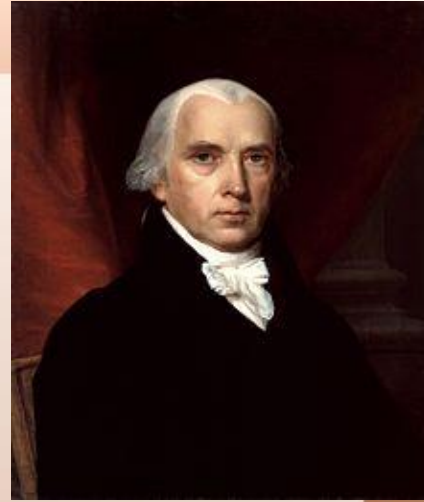
“The enemy by a sudden incursion has succeeded in invading the capitol of the nation ...”



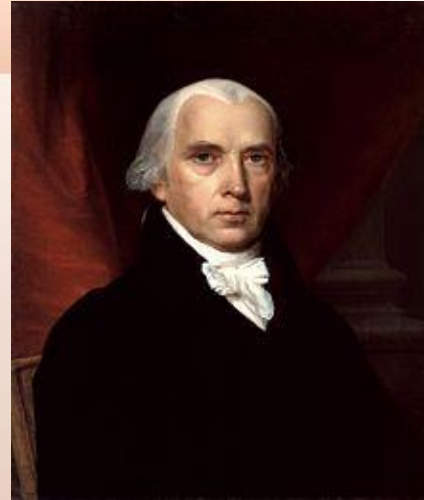
“...During their possession... though for a single day only, **they wantonly destroyed the public edifices...**”



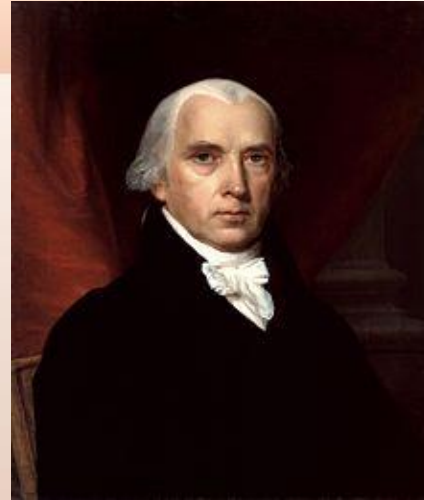
“Independence ... is now to be maintained ... with the strength and resources which ... Heaven has blessed.”



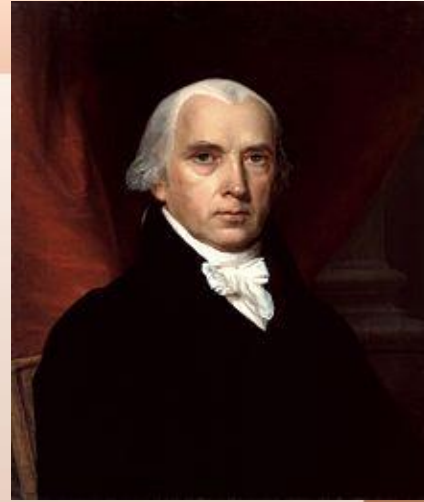
“ ... The two Houses of the National Legislature ... expressed ... that in the present time of public calamity and war ...



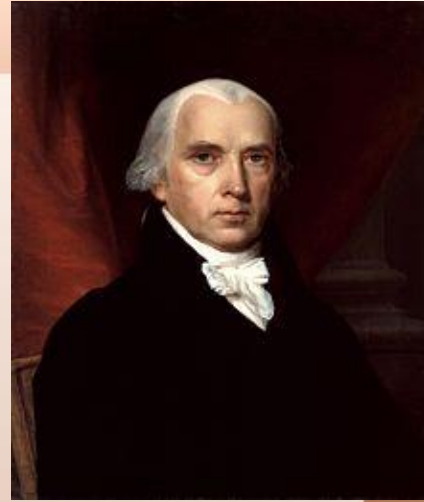
“ ... a day may be recommended to be observed by the people of the United States as a **day of Public Humiliation and Fasting and of Prayer to Almighty God ...**”



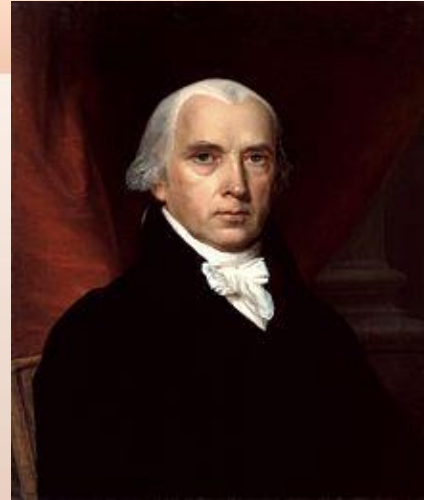
“... His blessing on their arms, and a speedy restoration of peace ...”



“... of confessing their sins and transgressions, and of strengthening their vows of repentance ...



“... that He would be
graciously pleased to
pardon all their offenses ...



I have deemed it proper ... to
recommend ... a day of ...
humble adoration to the **Great
Sovereign of the Universe.**”



God

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God

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You



God

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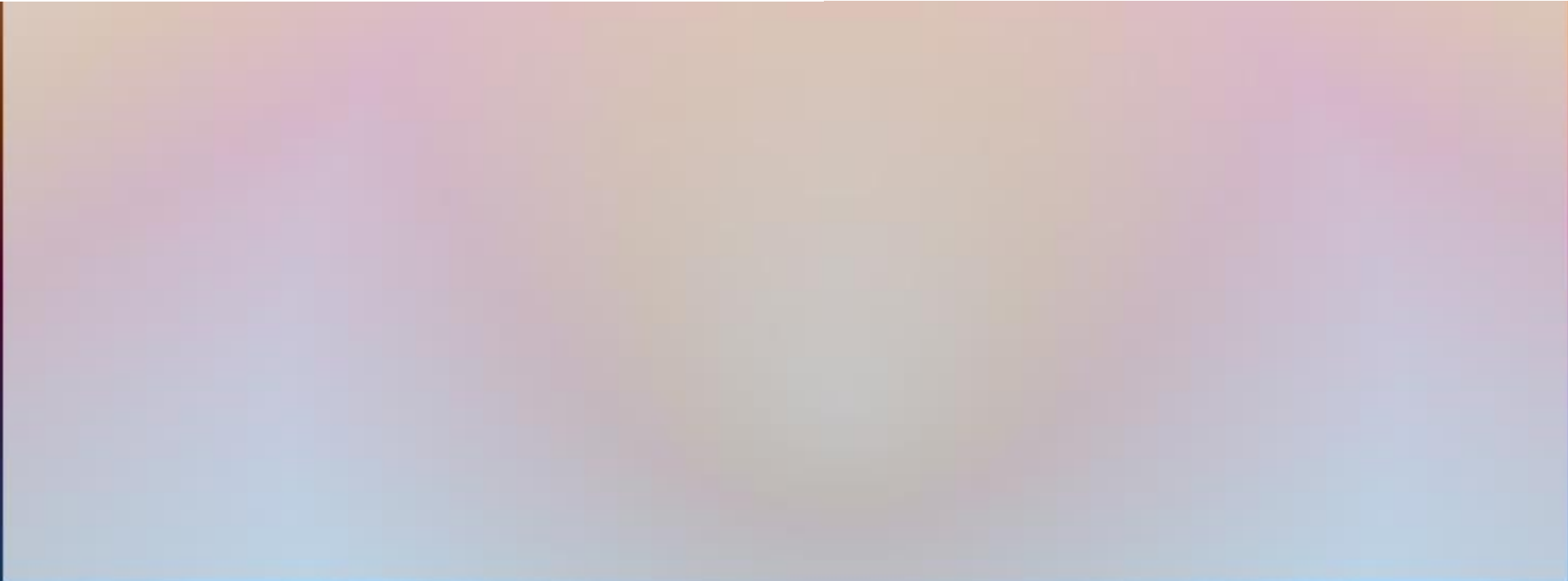


God

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God

—

You




God

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You



Repent
&
Believe



Doubt
&
Sin

+

+ **God**



-

+ **You**



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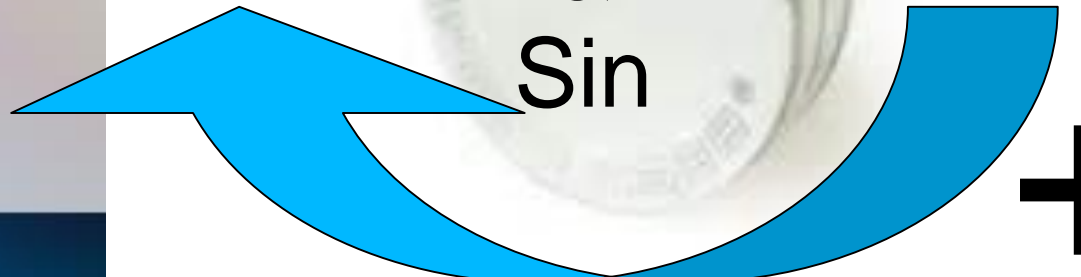


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After burning the Capitol, British attacked Baltimore



British fired 1,800 cannon balls for 25 hours



Fort McHenry was bombarded.

**The next morning, Sept. 14, 1814,
“through the dawn’s early light,”
the flag still waved.**

Key wrote The Star-Spangled Banner.

In the 4th verse:

“O thus be it ever
when free men shall stand,
Between their loved home
and the war’s desolation;
Blest with victory and peace,
may the **Heaven-rescued** land,
Praise the Power that hath made
and preserved us a nation!



Then conquer we must,
when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto
‘IN GOD IS OUR TRUST’!
And the Star Spangled Banner
in triumph shall wave,
Over the land of the free
and the home of the brave!”



An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a dramatic sky with a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright yellow and orange near the horizon, with scattered white clouds. The flag is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its stars and stripes clearly visible.

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