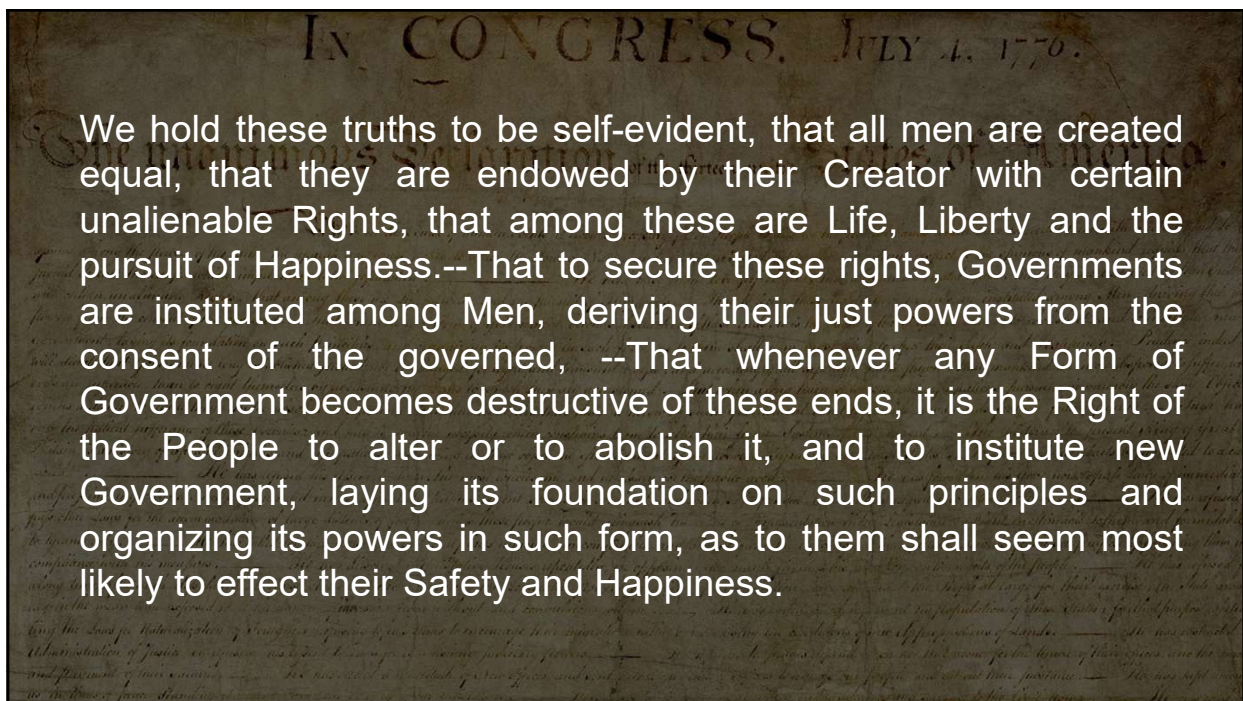
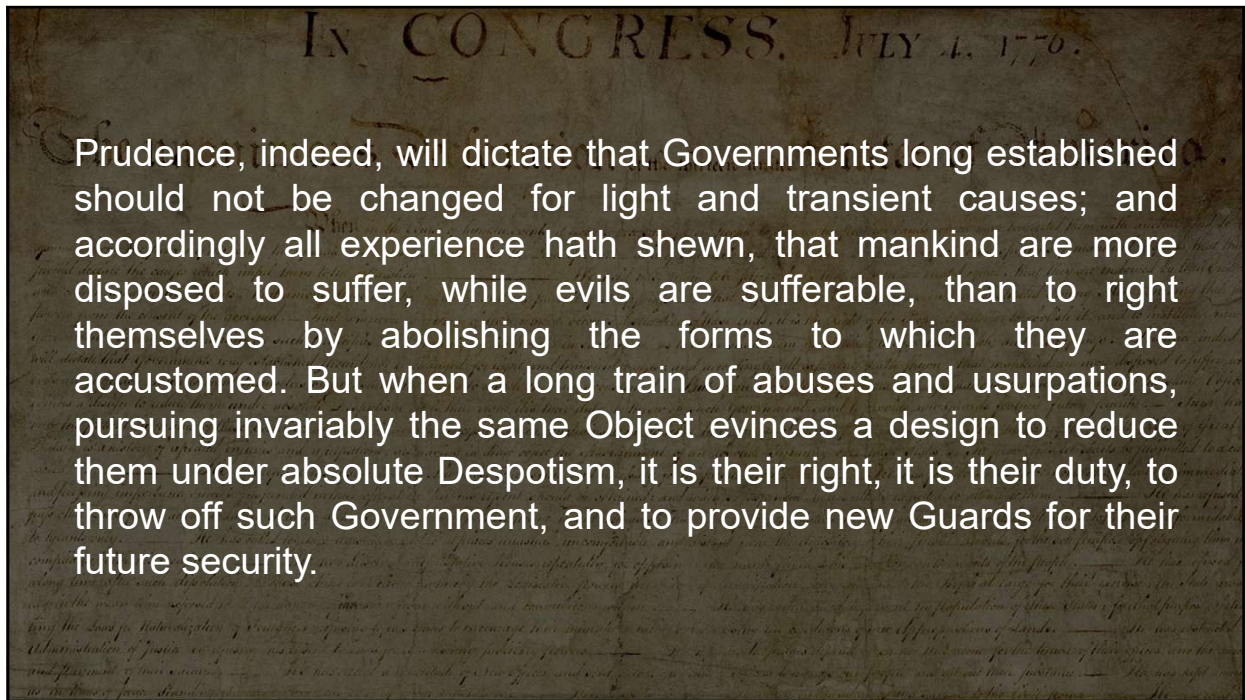


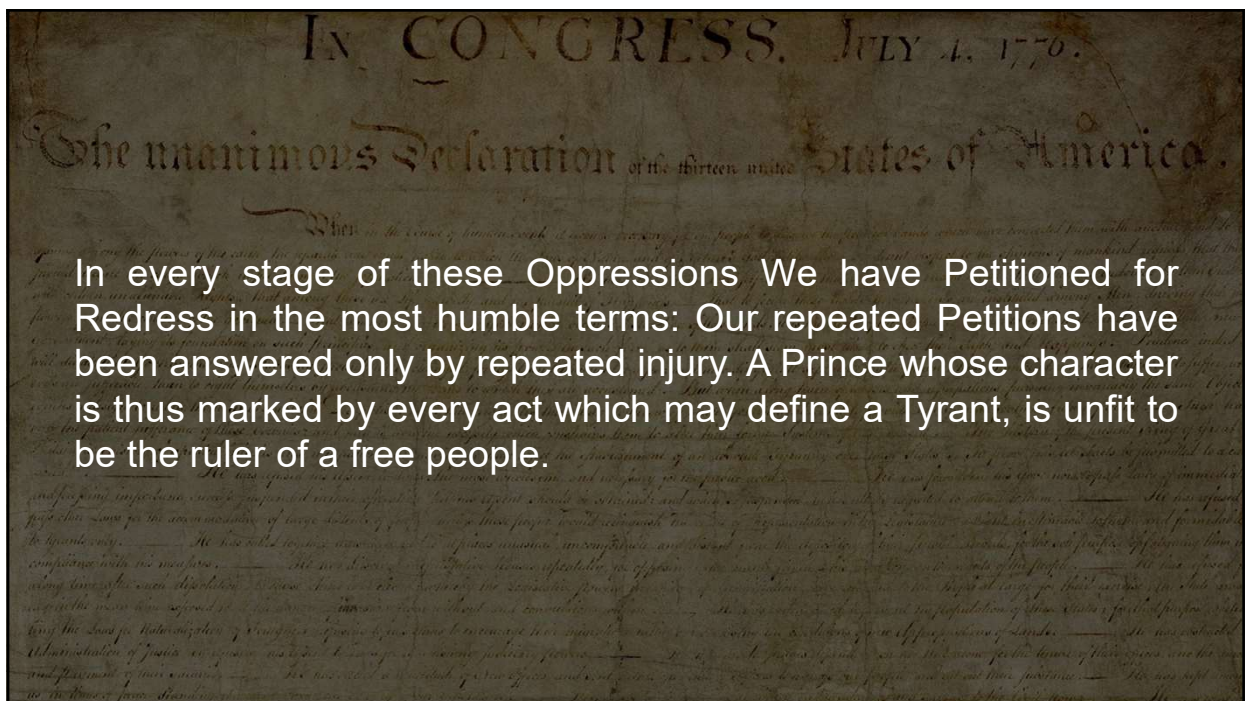
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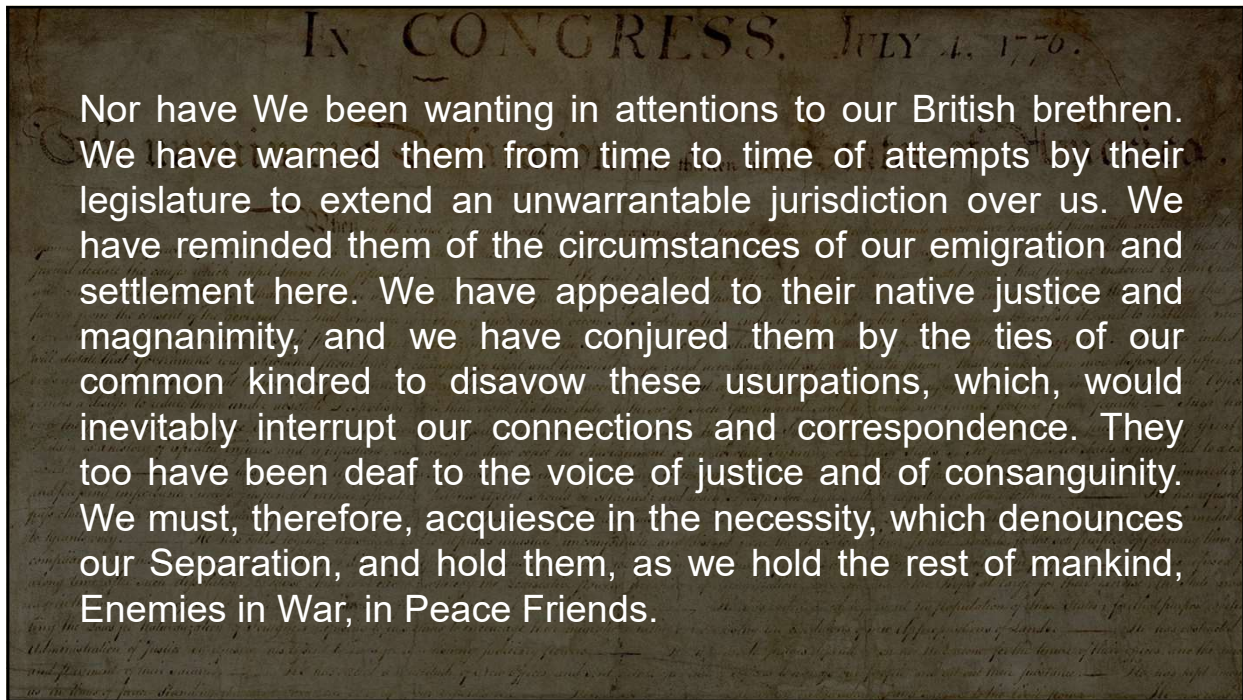
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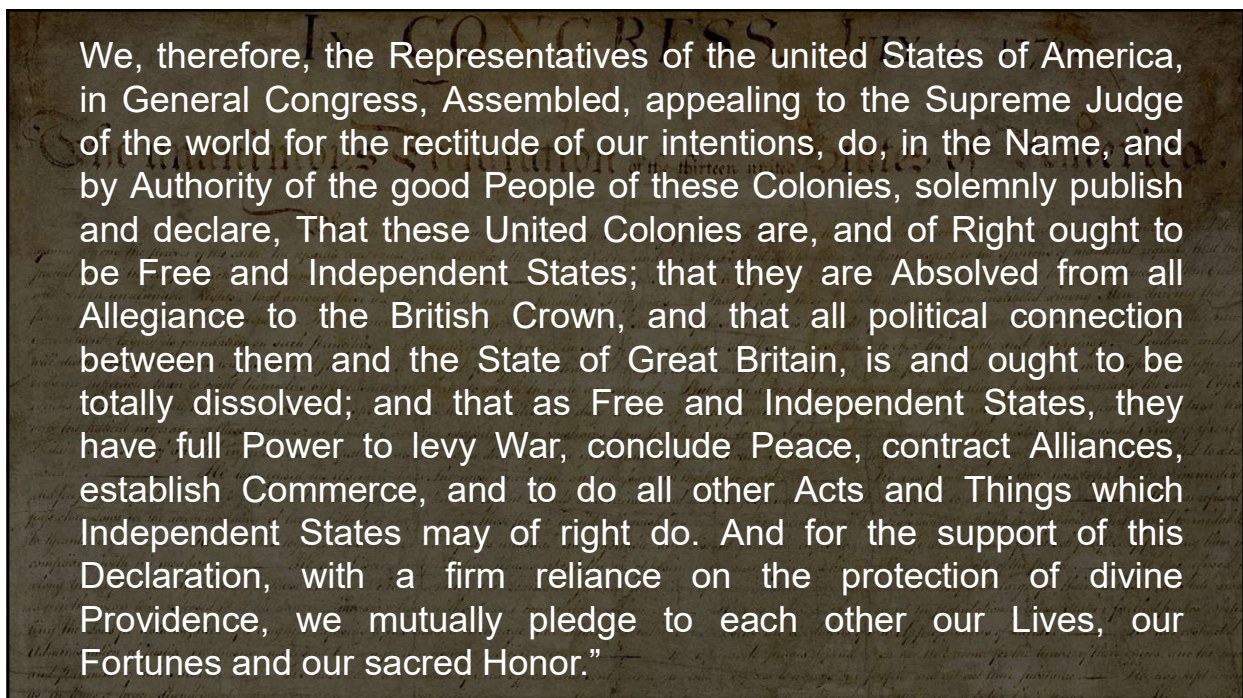
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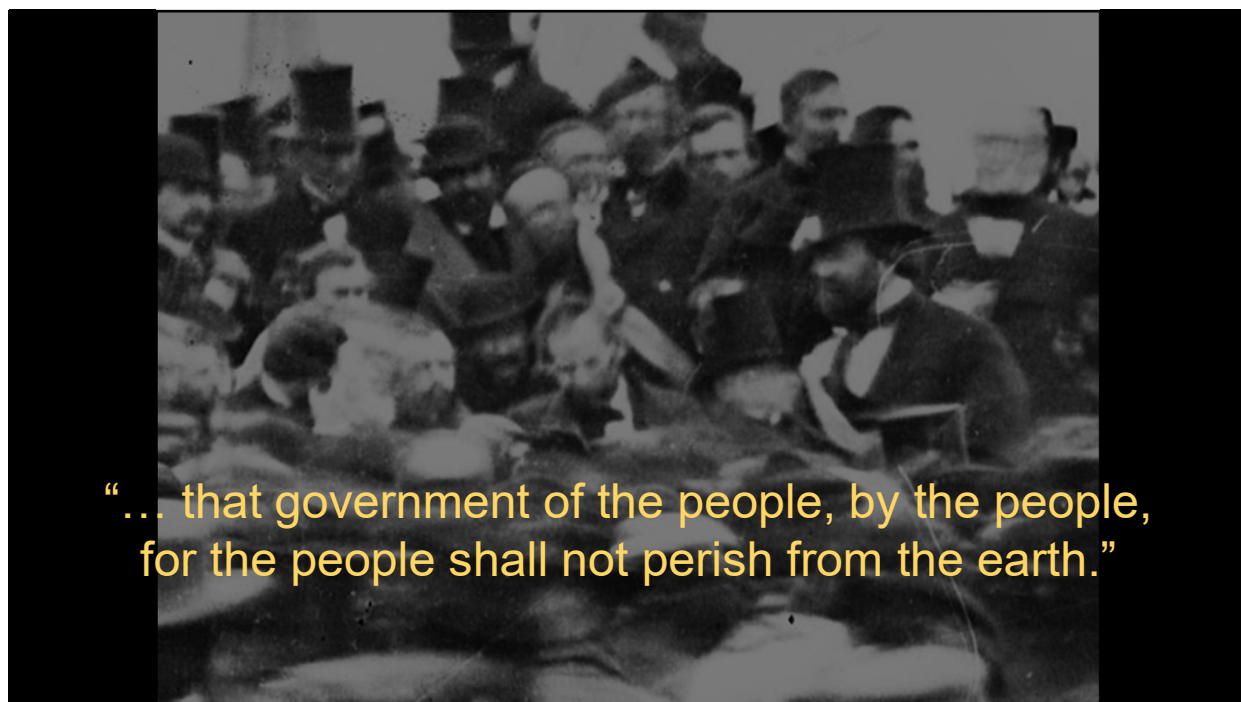
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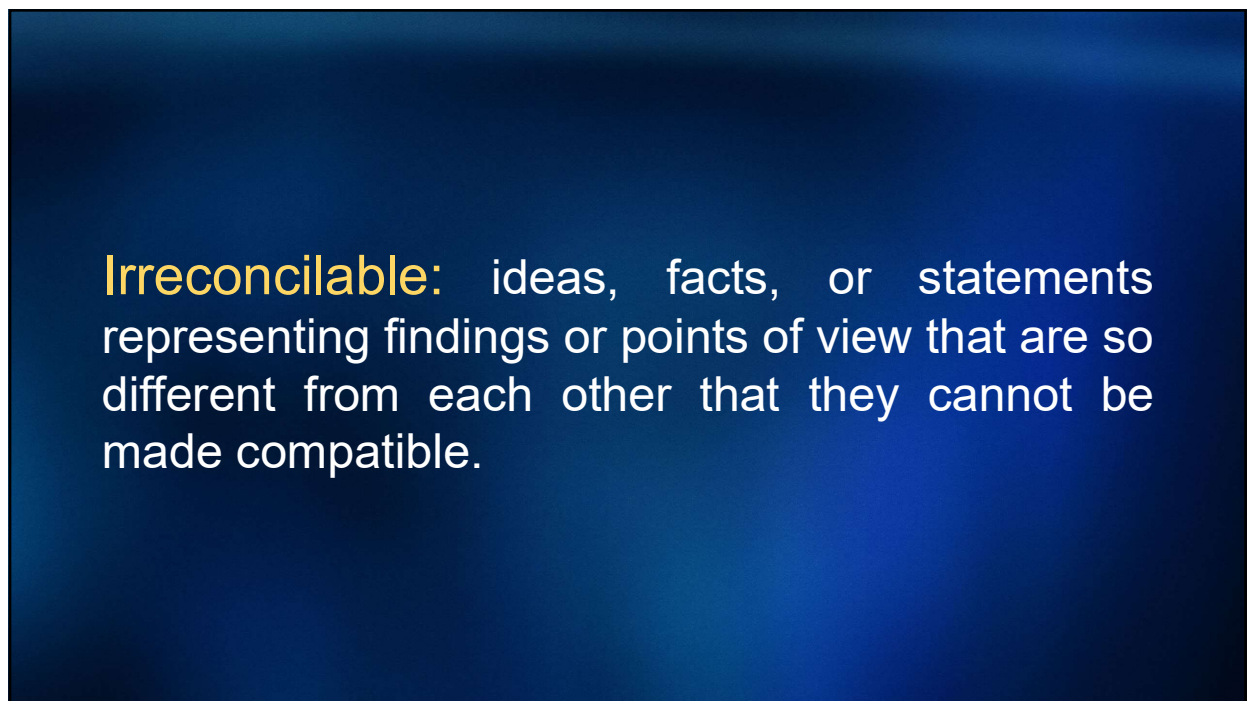
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Christians are not commanded to seek peace at any cost

Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

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Even though Jesus is the Prince of Peace, He did not come to bring peace at all costs

Mt 10:34-36 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶ and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’

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When we cannot reconcile with someone, we are to avoid them.

Mt 10:13-14 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

Rom 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly,

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2 Cor 6:17 Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

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irrevocable: not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; final

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Most things in life are not irrevocable:

- **Marriage** – picture of our union with Jesus (Eph 5), God hates divorce, but He does “allow” it in cases of infidelity and endangered spouse/children
- **Partnerships** – prodigal son, unequally yoked, partner abusing agreement, contracts can be broken
- **Pastor’s relationship with a church** – sinning elders rebuke publicly, pastor can disqualify himself

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Some things in life are irrevocable:

- **Salvation** – nothing can separate us from Christ (Rom 8:35-39)
- **Unalienable rights** – by their definition, they are unalienable/irrevocable
- **Right of free association** – God designed freedom of choice into our very being

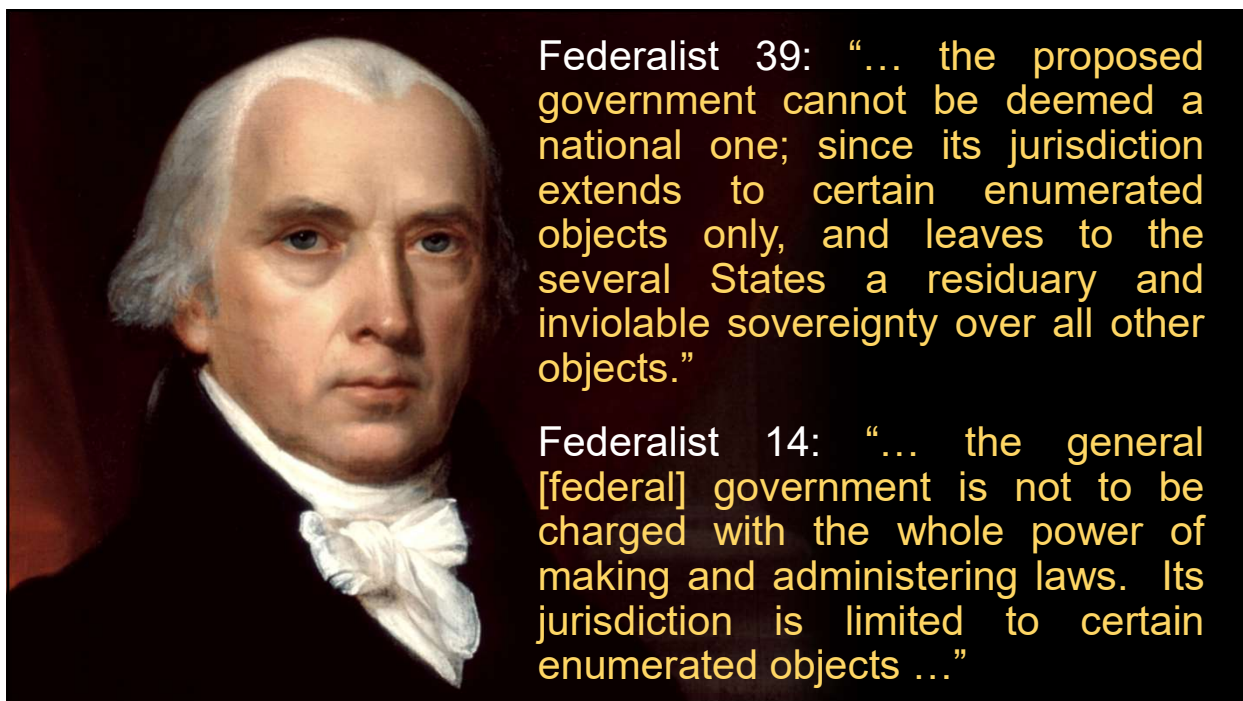
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Political agreements, compacts, and even
constitutions are revocable

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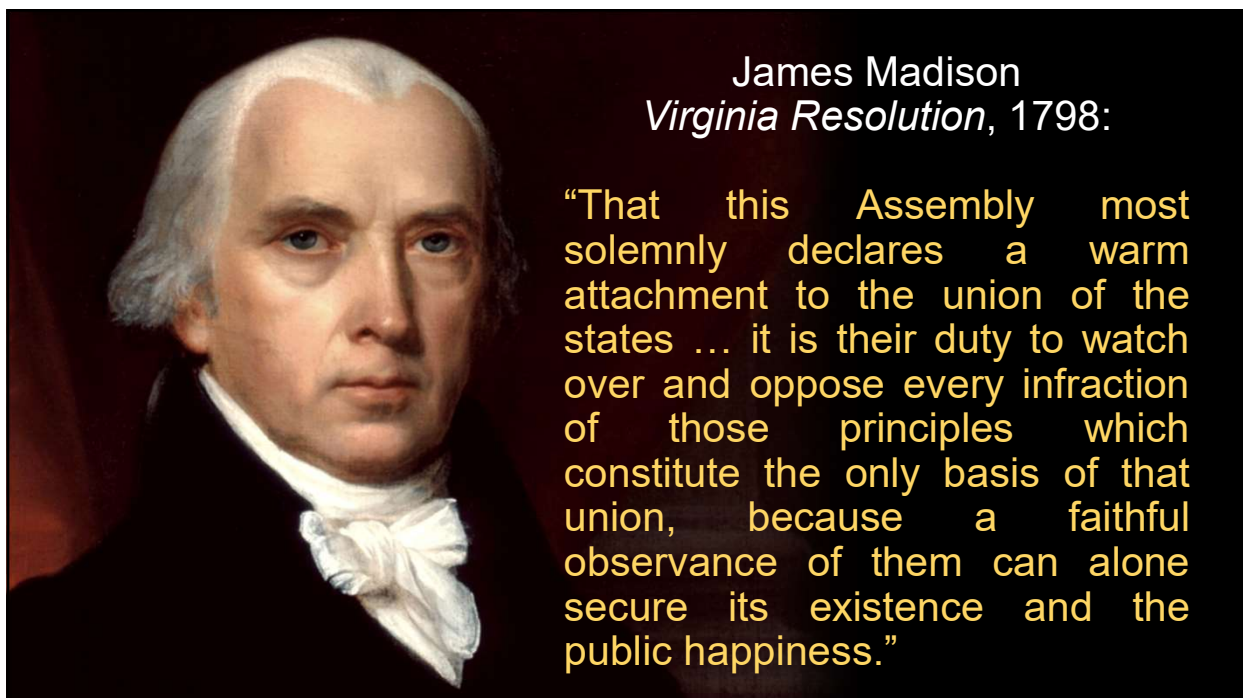
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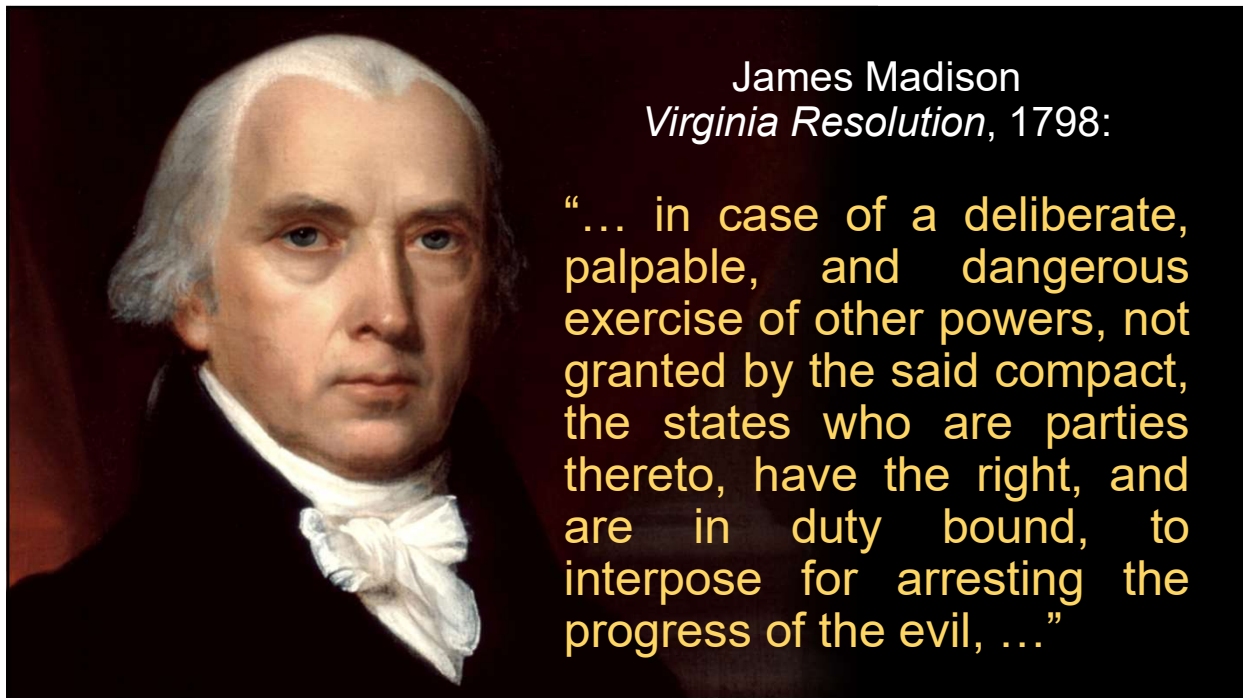
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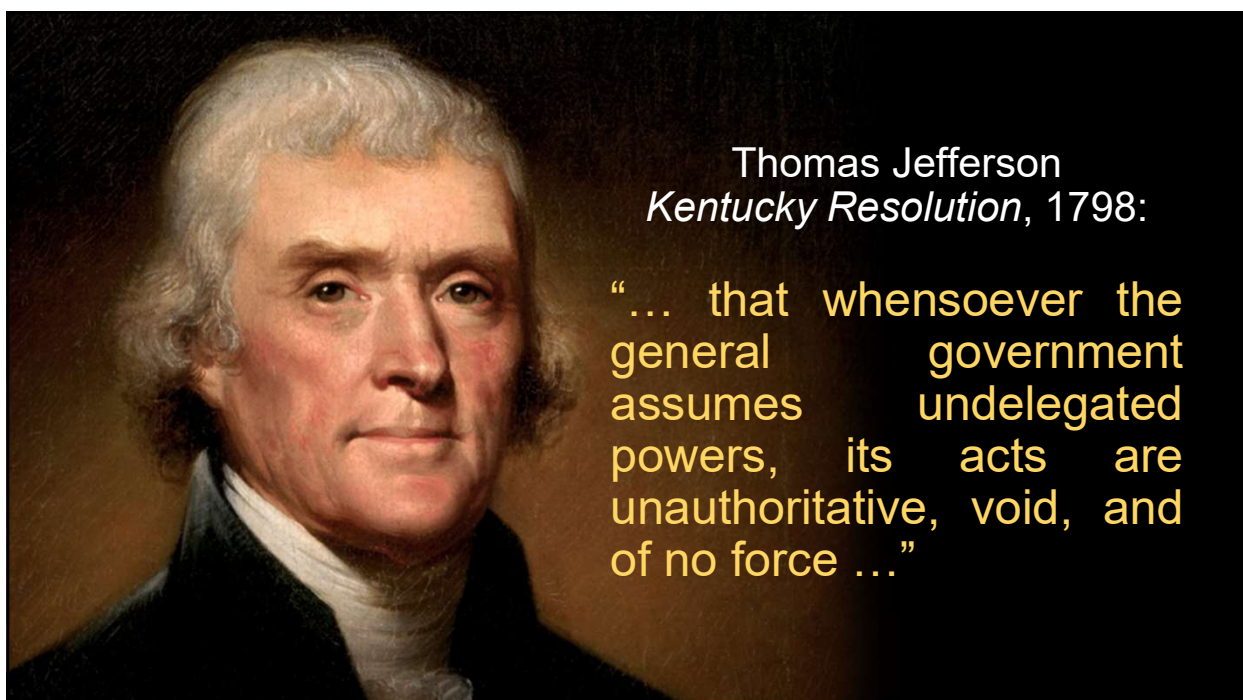
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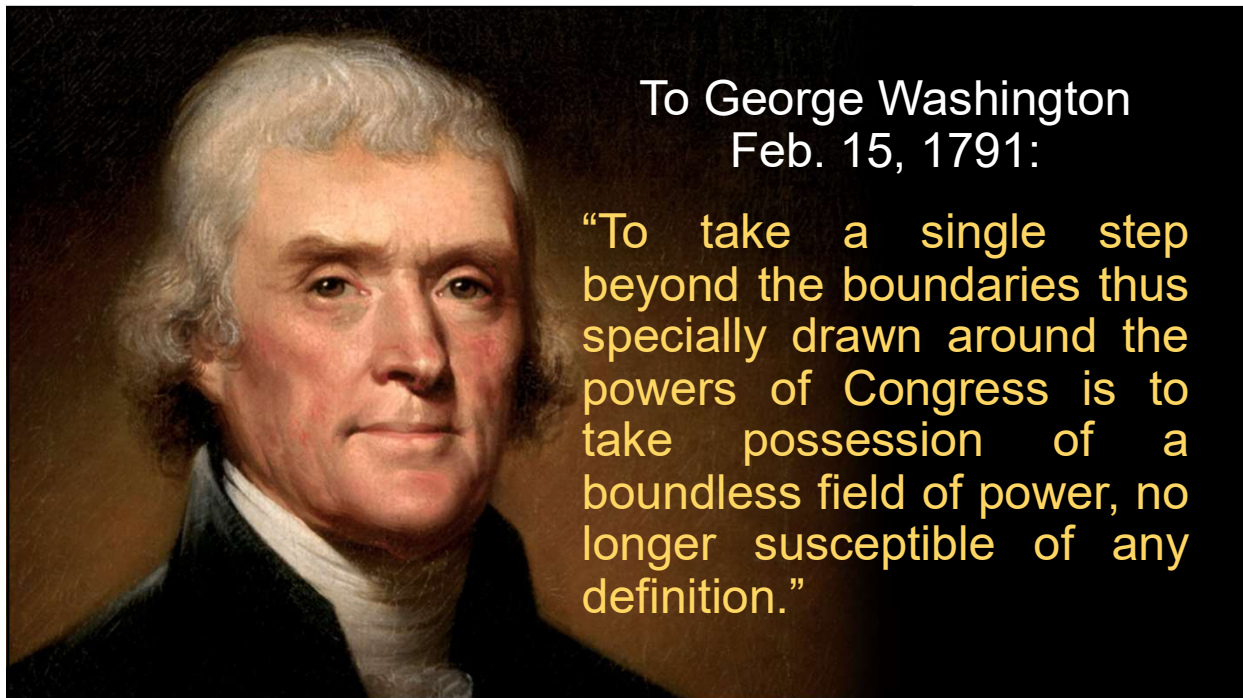
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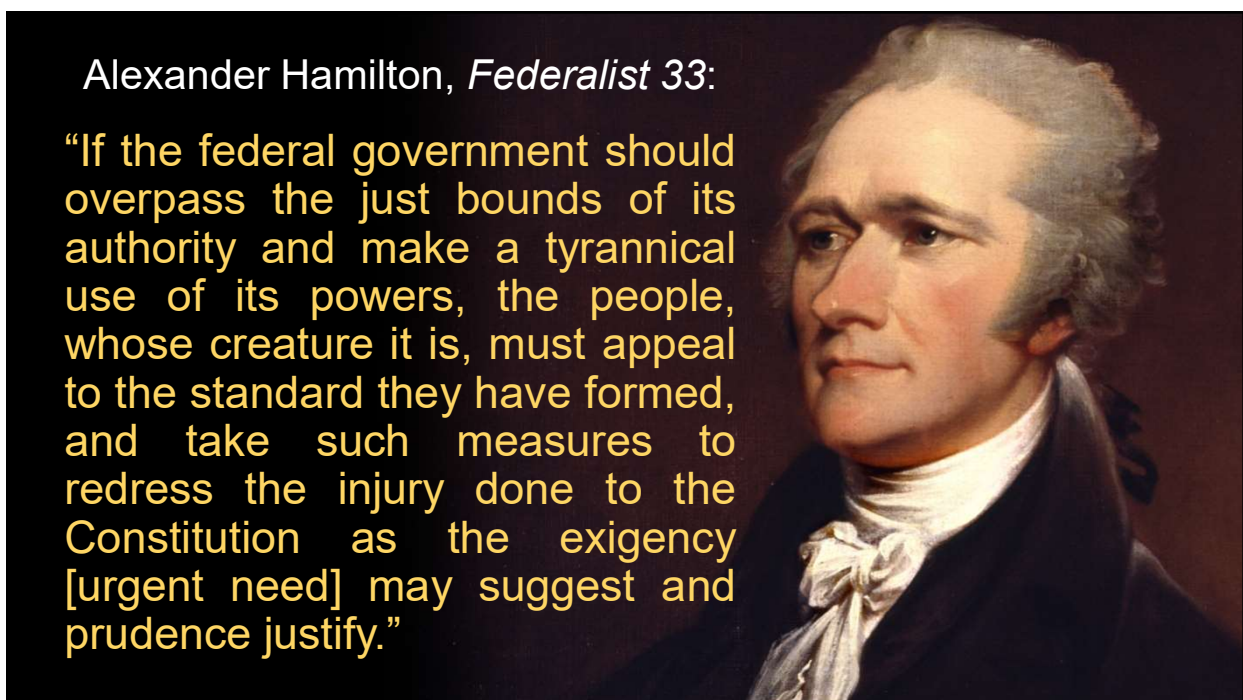
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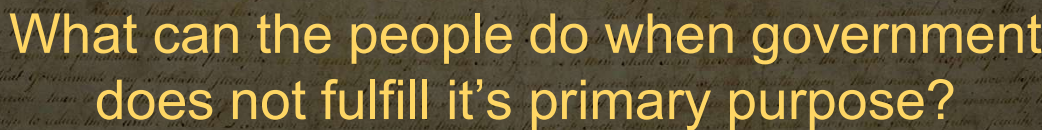
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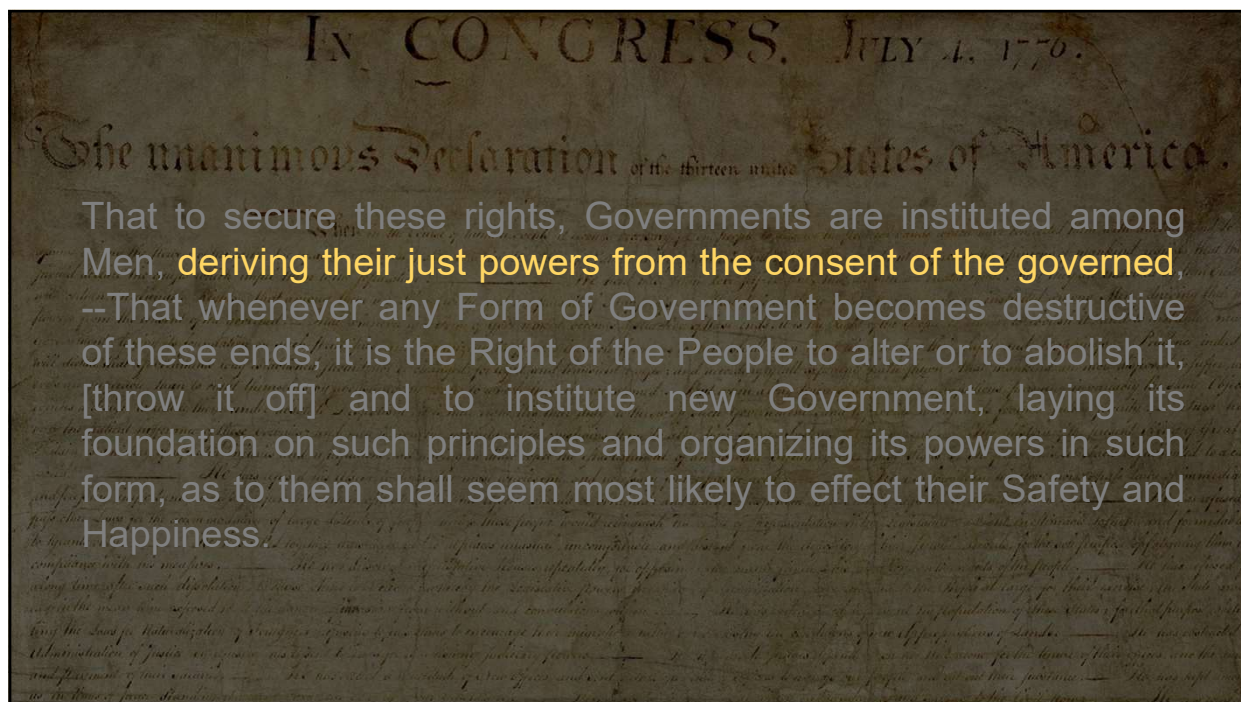
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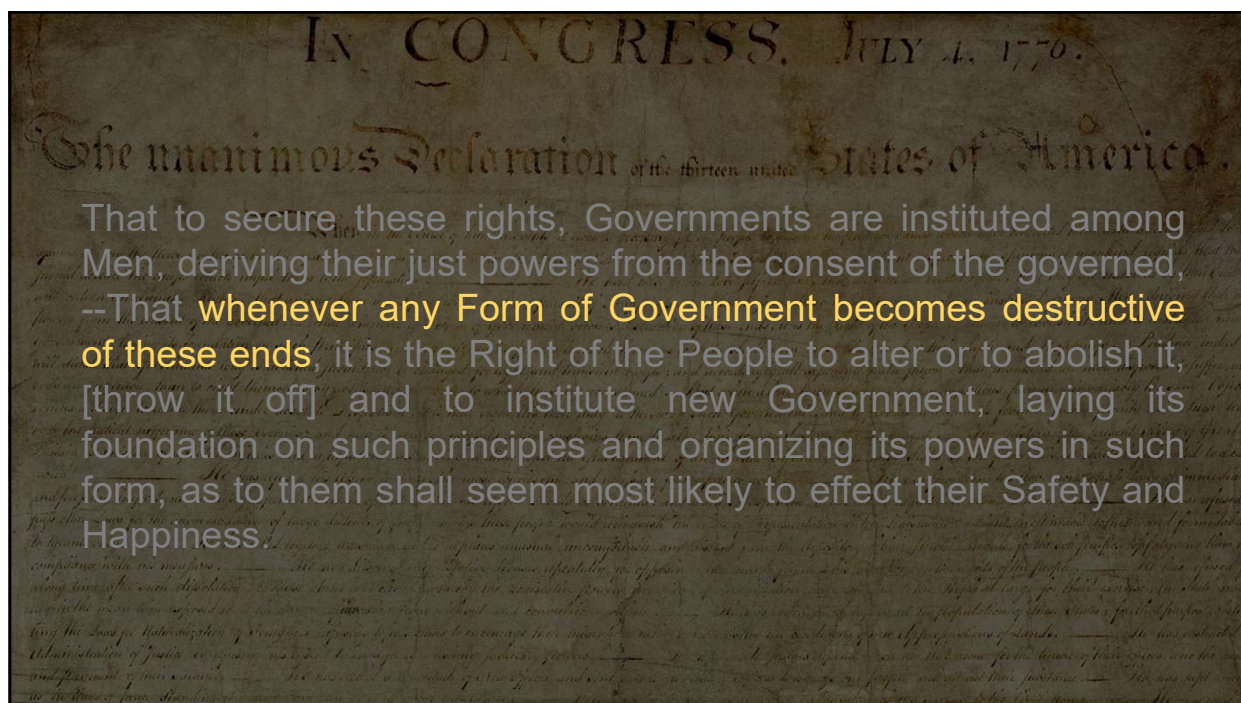
That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

--That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, [throw it off] 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.

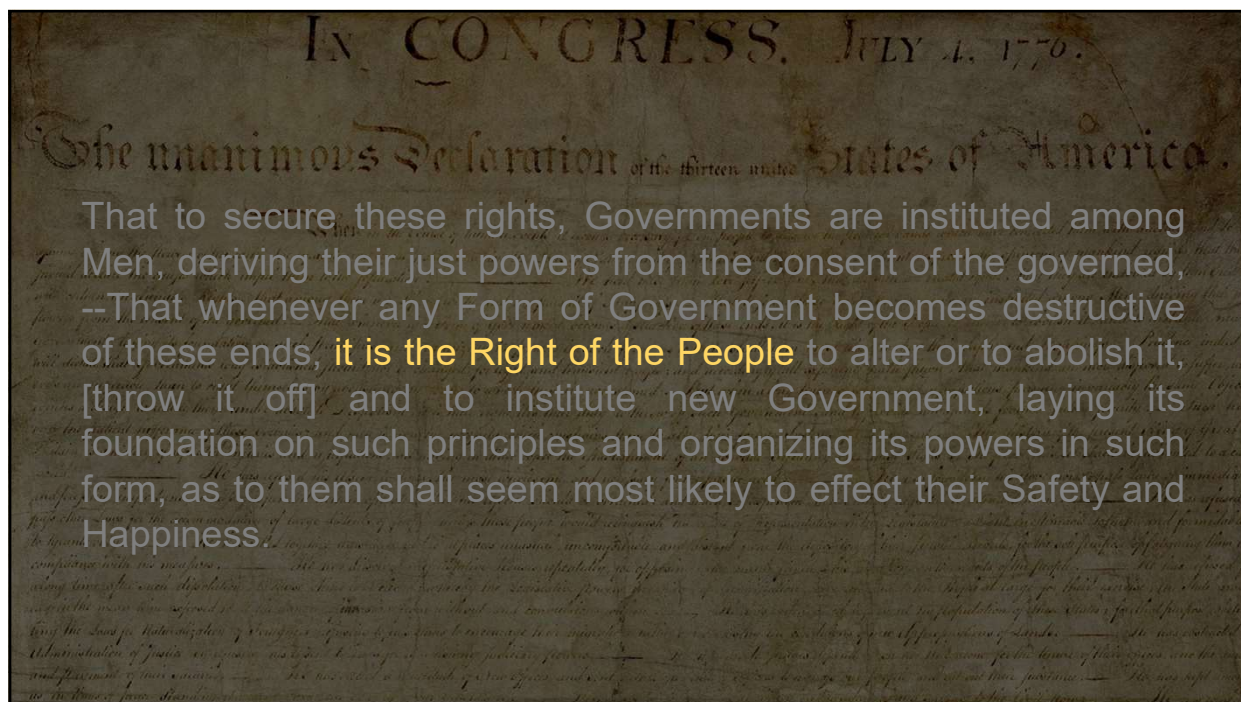
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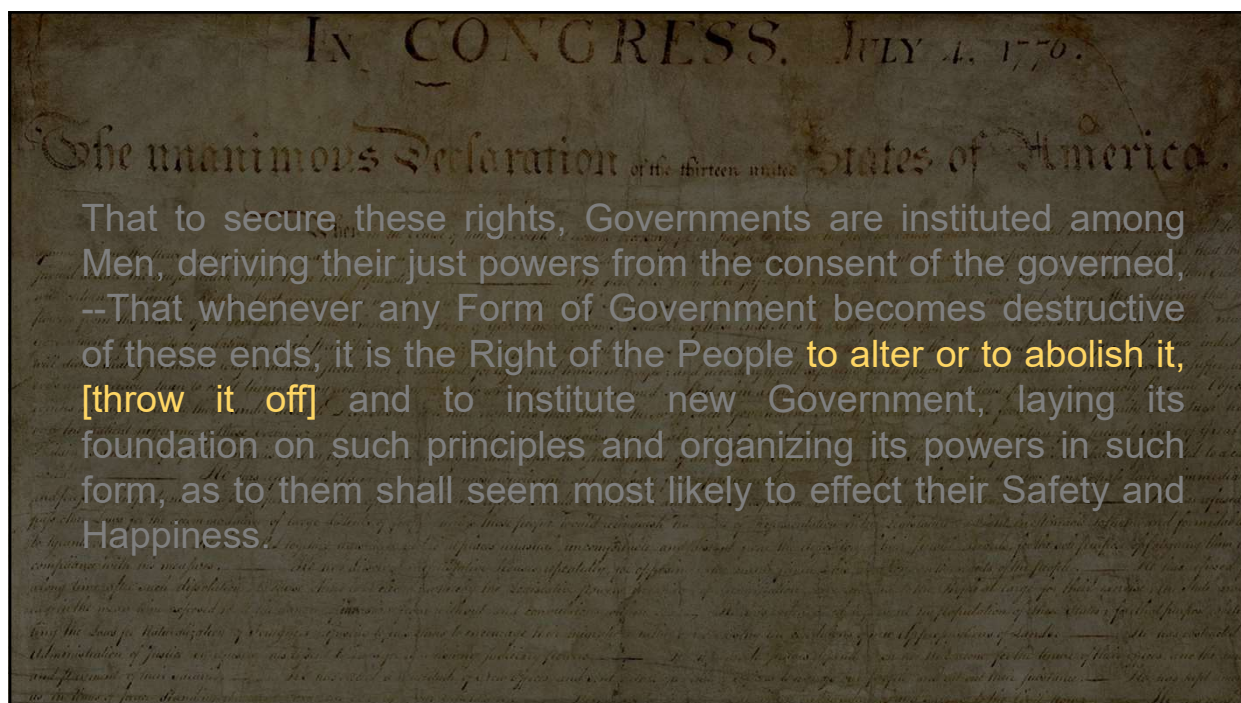
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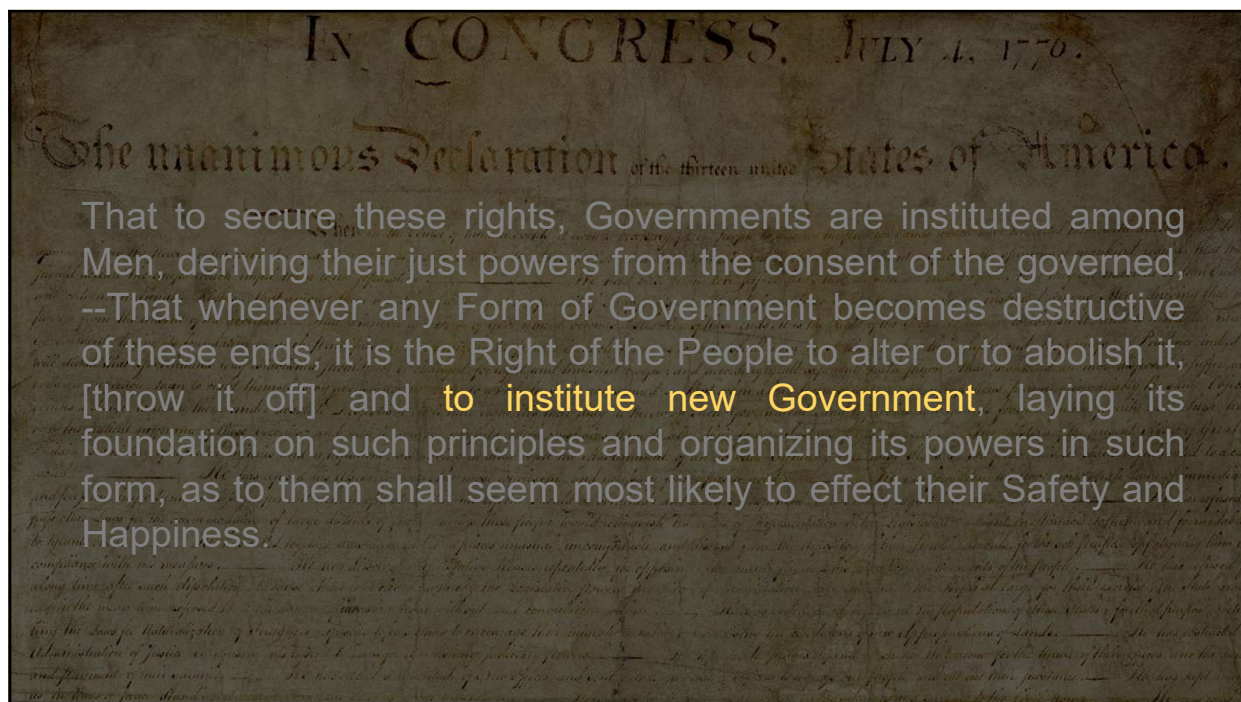
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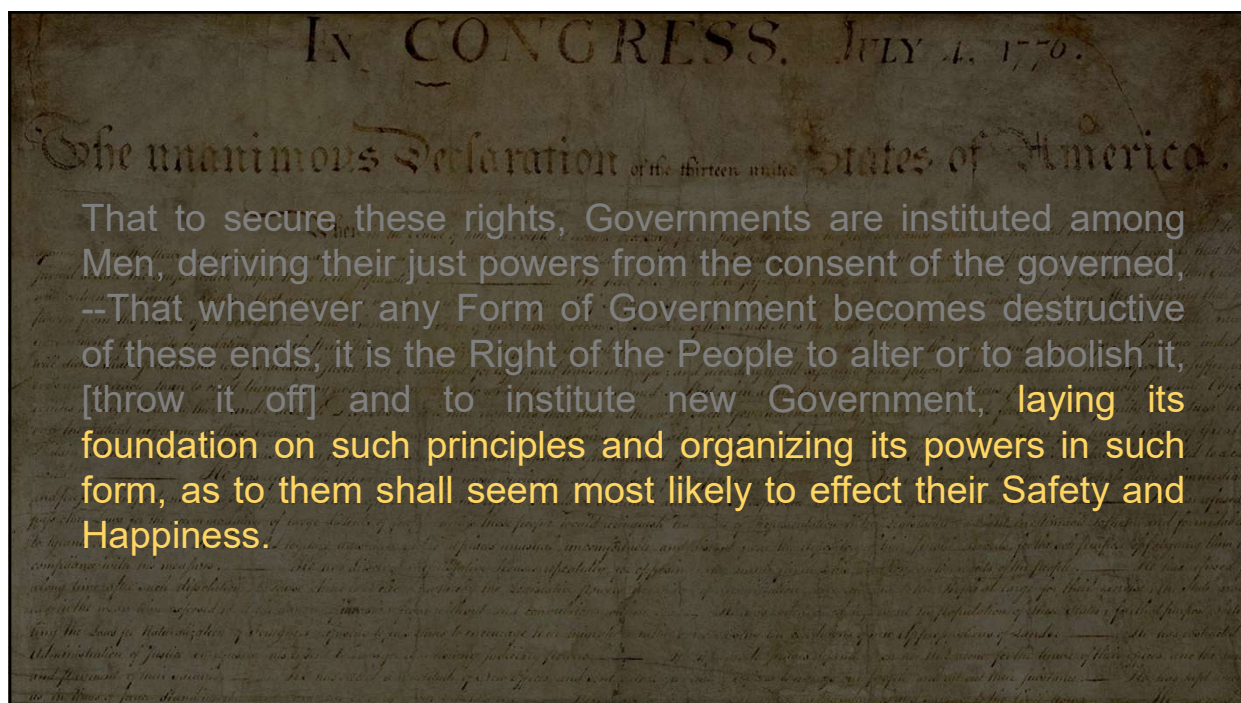
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*The Fate of Blood-thirsty Oppressors, and GOD'S
tender Care of his distressed People.*

A
S E R M O N,
PREACHED AT LEXINGTON,
APRIL 19, 1776.

To commemorate the *MURDER, BLOOD-SHED* and *Commencement of Hostilities*, between *Great-Britain* and *America*, in that Town, by a Brigade of Troops of *GEORGE III.* under Command of *Lieutenant-Colonel SMITH*, on the Nineteenth of APRIL, 1775.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,
A BRIEF NARRATIVE of the principal
Transactions of that Day.

By **JONAS CLARK, A. M.**
PASTOR of the CHURCH in LEXINGTON.

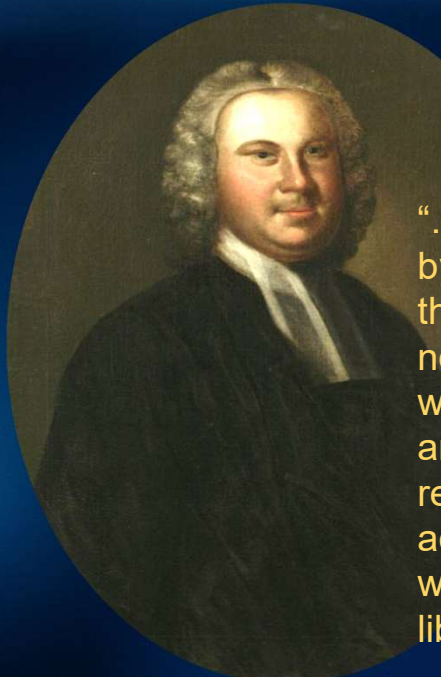
Those Things doth the LORD hate:—*A proud Look, a lying Tongue, and Hands that shed innocent Blood.* PRO. vi. 16, 17.
*—Quid non mortalis fletura cogit,
Auri sacra Fames!*

*Quis talia fando,
Mendacem, Dolopum, et duri missi Uffula,
Tumescit a Interitus!* VIB. EXEED.

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“... the connection of America with Britain ... might have been preserved inviolate to the end of time. And it may be added, that there is no just ground to suppose, that it would have ever entered the heart of Americans, to have desired a dissolution of so happy a connection with the Mother-Country, or to have sought independence of Britain, had they not been urged, and even forced upon such an expedient, by measures of oppression and violence, and the shedding of innocent blood.”

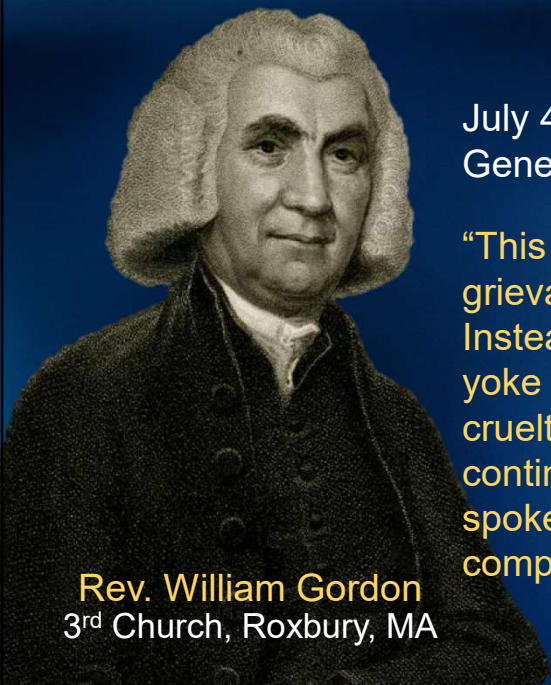
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Abraham Keteltas, Black Robe preacher in NY, NJ, CT, MA, and member of NY Provincial Congress, 1777 sermon:

“... all our assemblies ... have endeavored, by the most humble and earnest petitions to the throne, to prevent the fatal war, which now rages and desolates our land. ... and it was not until every pacific measure failed, and our petitions were scornfully treated, and rejected, and a powerful fleet and army had actually invaded us and shed our blood; that we took up arms, in behalf of our lives and liberties.”

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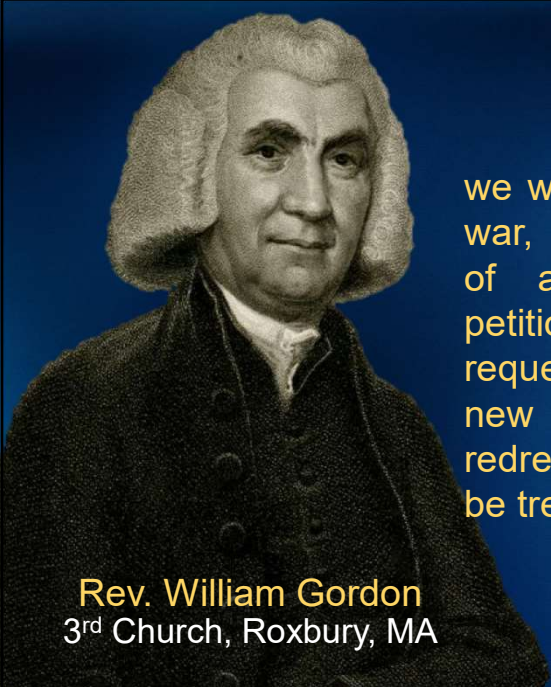
A portrait of Rev. William Gordon, a man with a white powdered wig and a dark coat, set against a blue background.

July 4, 1777 sermon preached before the General Court of MA:

“This continent complained of real grievances, and humbly petitioned. ... Instead of being heard and relieved, the yoke was increased by fresh acts of cruelty, and new burdens laid upon the continent. Our first grievances were spoken of as if not real; and as though we complained without cause, ...

Rev. William Gordon
3rd Church, Roxbury, MA

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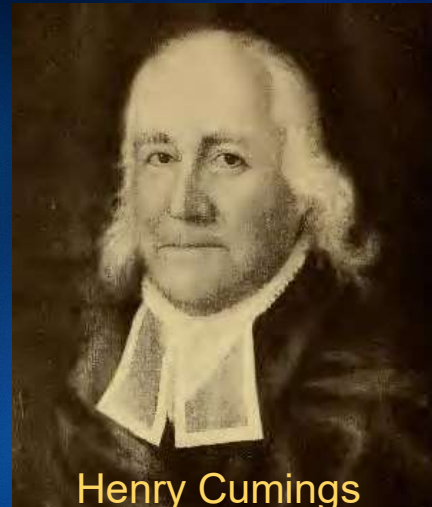
we were at once plunged into a defensive war, ... Still we were desirous, if possible, of an accommodation. We therefore petitioned again, without rising in our requests, only enlarging them to take in new grievances. Instead of having them redressed, we were deemed and were to be treated as rebels.”

Rev. William Gordon
3rd Church, Roxbury, MA

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April 19, 1781 sermon in Lexington,
MA:

“Had our petitions and prayers been properly regarded, and moderate pacific measures pursued, we should have entertained no thoughts of a revolt; for even after hostilities had commenced, we were ardently desirous of continuing united with our mother country, if such an union could have been preserved, without making a sacrifice of our liberties.”



Henry Cumings
BRR Pastor, MA

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1780 sermon:

“Peace, peace, we ardently wish; but not upon terms dishonorable to ourselves, or dangerous to our liberties; and our enemies seem not yet prepared to allow it upon any other. At present the voice of providence, the call of our still invaded country, and the cry of everything dear to us, all unite to rouse us to prosecute the war with redoubled vigor; upon the success of which all our free constitutions, all our hopes depend.”

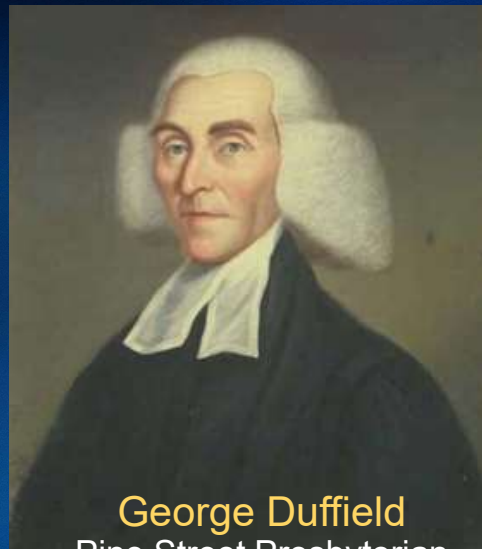


Samuel Cooper
Pastor Brattle Street
Boston, MA

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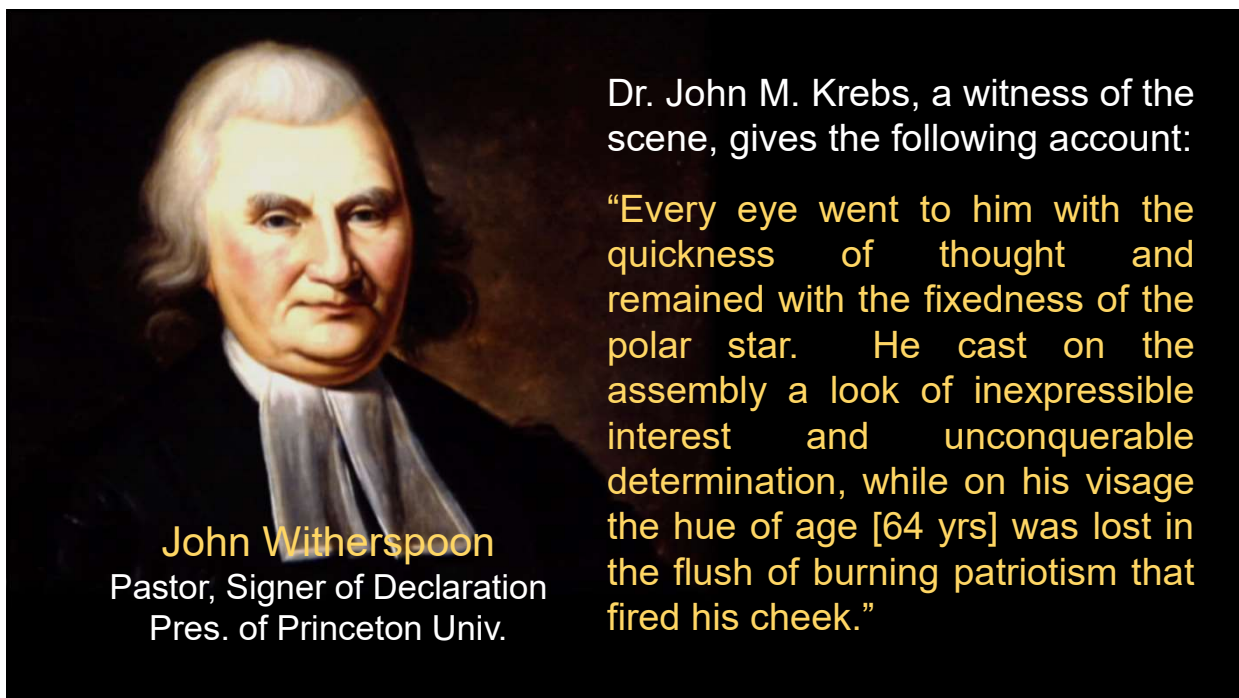
December 11, 1784 sermon:

“Hard alternative! to resign liberty or wage this hazardous war. And yet none other remained. ... But *Liberty* was the prize. She chose “Freedom or Death” as her motto; and nobly resolved on war with all its horrors; that at least, her last expiring groan might breathe forth freedom.”



George Duffield
Pine Street Presbyterian
Philadelphia, PA

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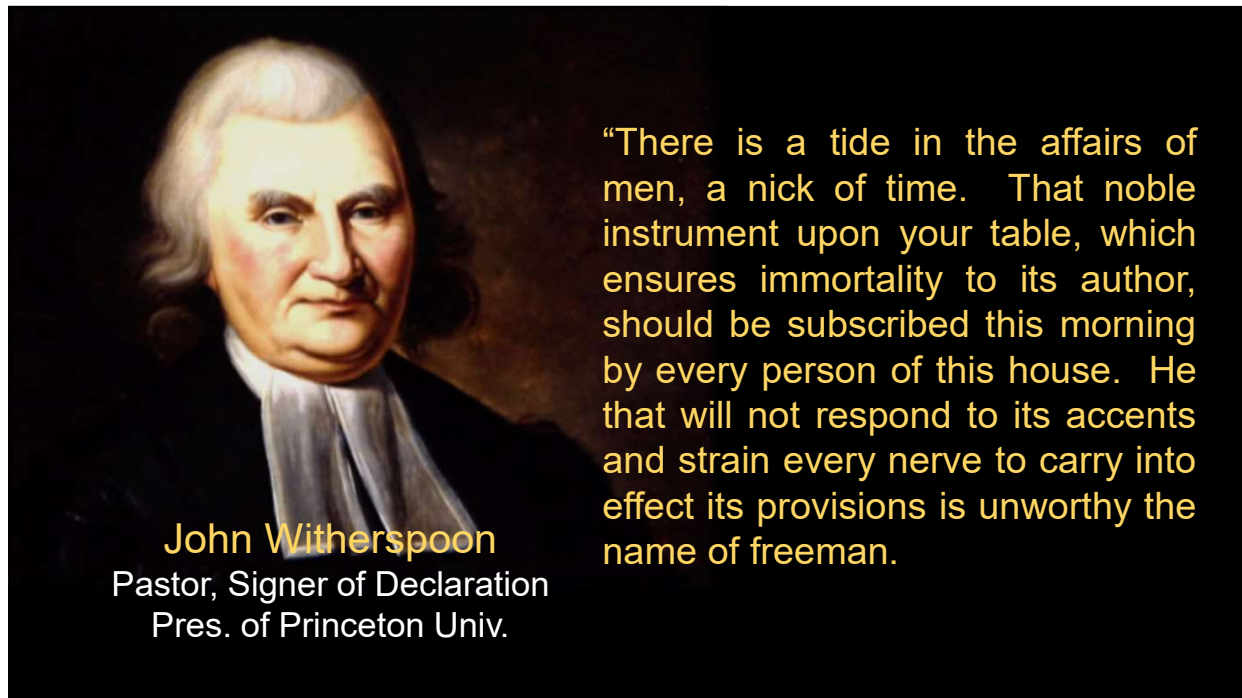


John Witherspoon
Pastor, Signer of Declaration
Pres. of Princeton Univ.

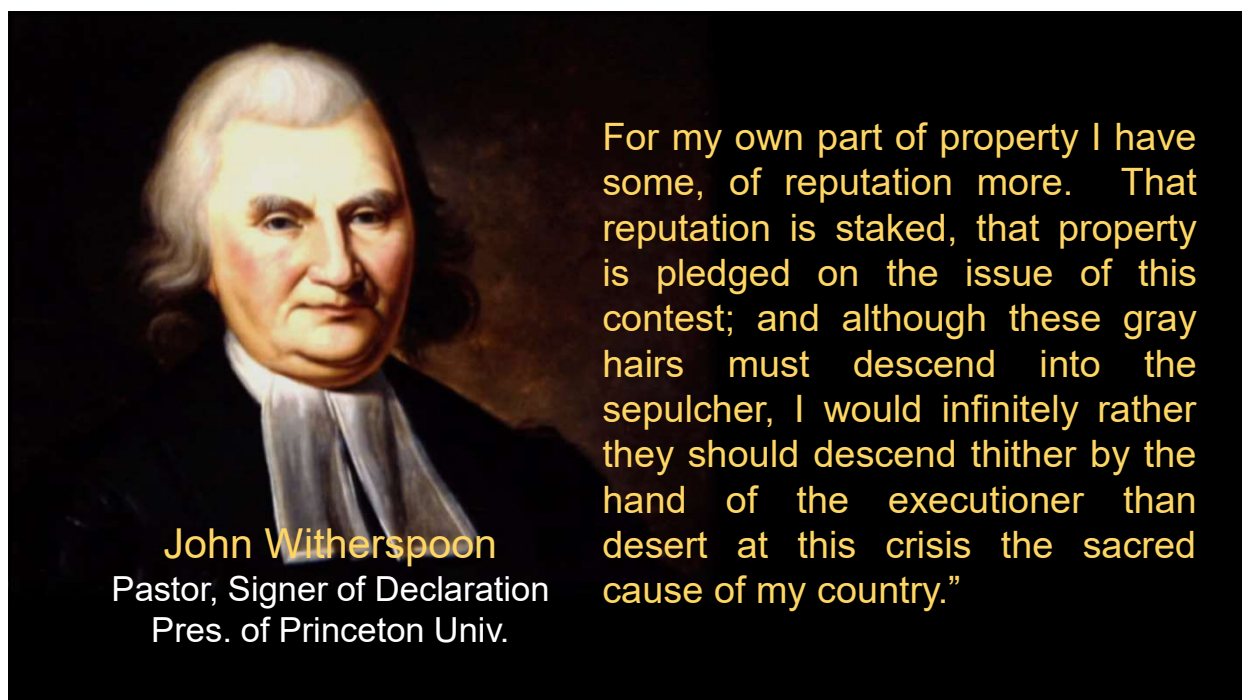
Dr. John M. Krebs, a witness of the scene, gives the following account:

“Every eye went to him with the quickness of thought and remained with the fixedness of the polar star. He cast on the assembly a look of inexpressible interest and unconquerable determination, while on his visage the hue of age [64 yrs] was lost in the flush of burning patriotism that fired his cheek.”

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