

A Long Train of Abuses and Usurpations

USHC 1.2

Analyze... the conflict between the colonial legislatures and the British Parliament over the right to tax that resulted in the American Revolutionary War.



Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and... that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations... evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government...



Salutary Neglect

The French and Indian War

1754-63

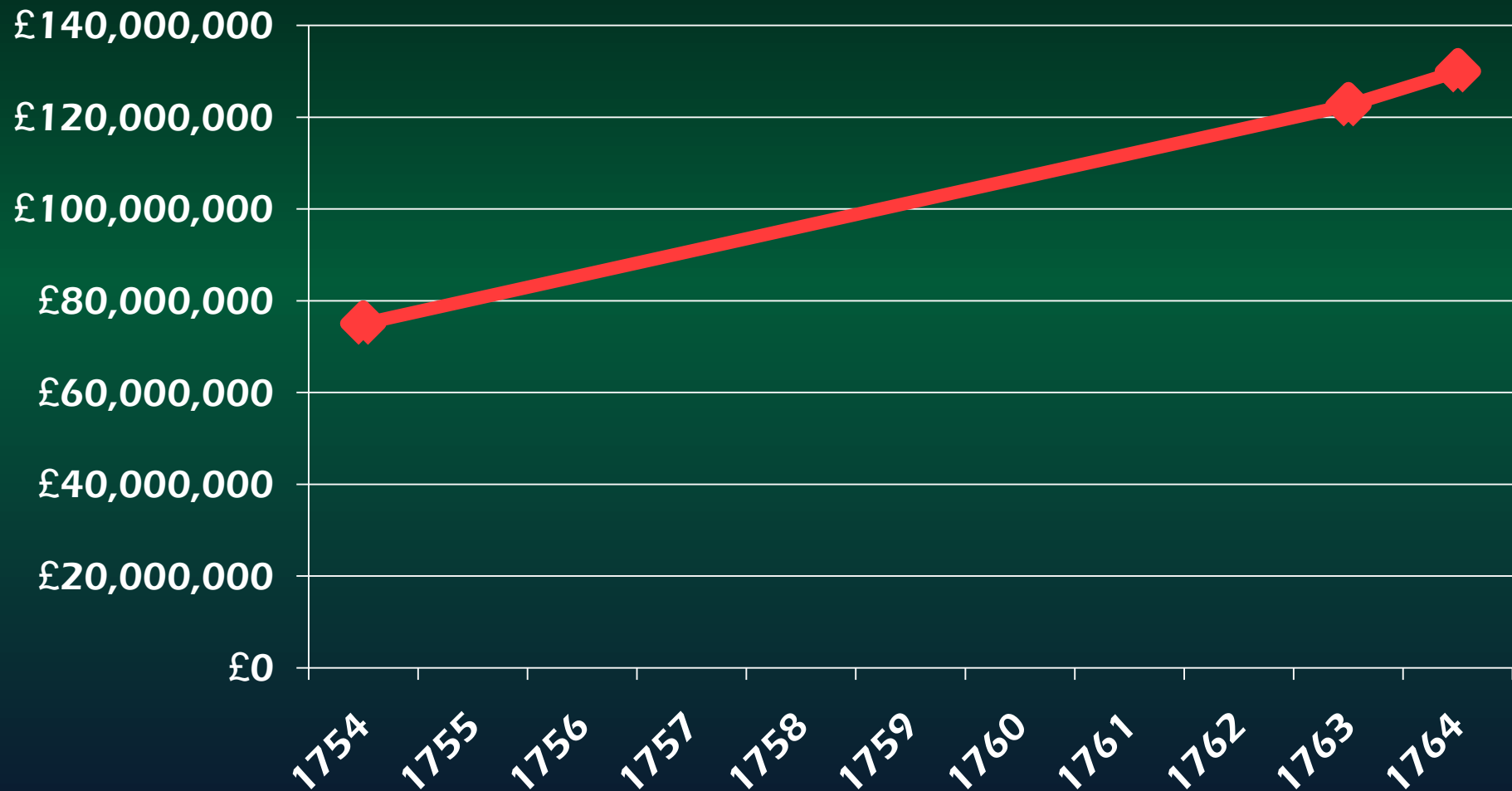


Wars
Cost
Money



British National Debt

Following the French and Indian War





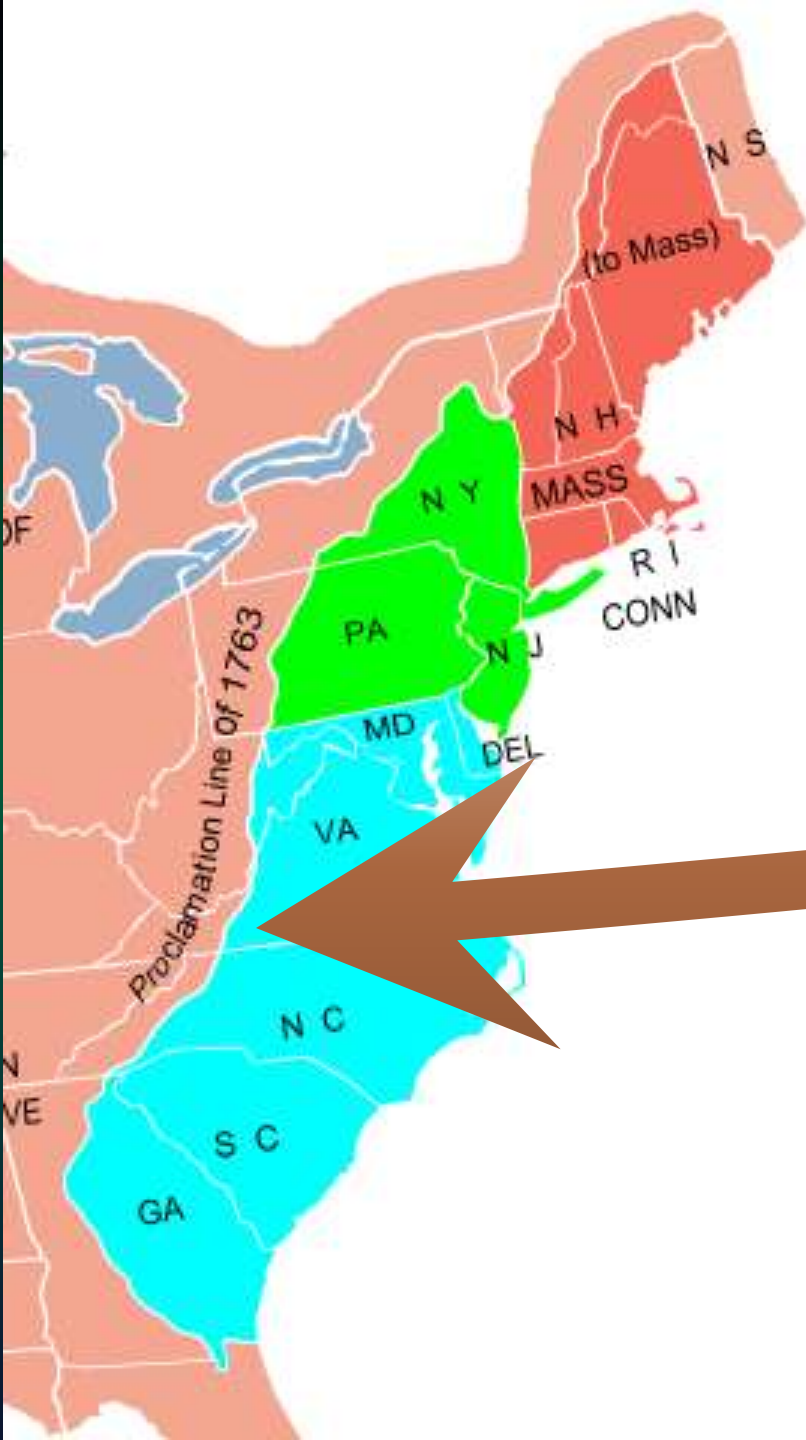
Cost of *Quartering* Troops *in the colonies*



NO MORE

**Salutary
Neglect**

Proclamation Line of 1763



Parliament Taxes the Colonies

1. Sugar Act (1764)
2. Stamp Act (1765)
3. Townshend Acts (1767)



Smuggling



A Serious
Problem

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The Sugar Act

1764

IMPORT Tax
on
Foreign Sugar

ADMIRALTY COURTS
Jury Trials



The Stamp Act 1765

INTERNAL Tax
on
legal documents

MASS RESISTANCE

Boycotts
Mob Violence



NO

TAXATION

WITHOUT

REPRESENTATION

Taxing Authority



NOTE: *The colonists did not want to be represented in Parliament, where their representatives could have been outnumbered. They believed that only their representatives in their own colonial legislatures could legitimately tax them.*

Sons of Liberty

*Resistance
Movement(s)*



*Intimidation
Mass Protests*

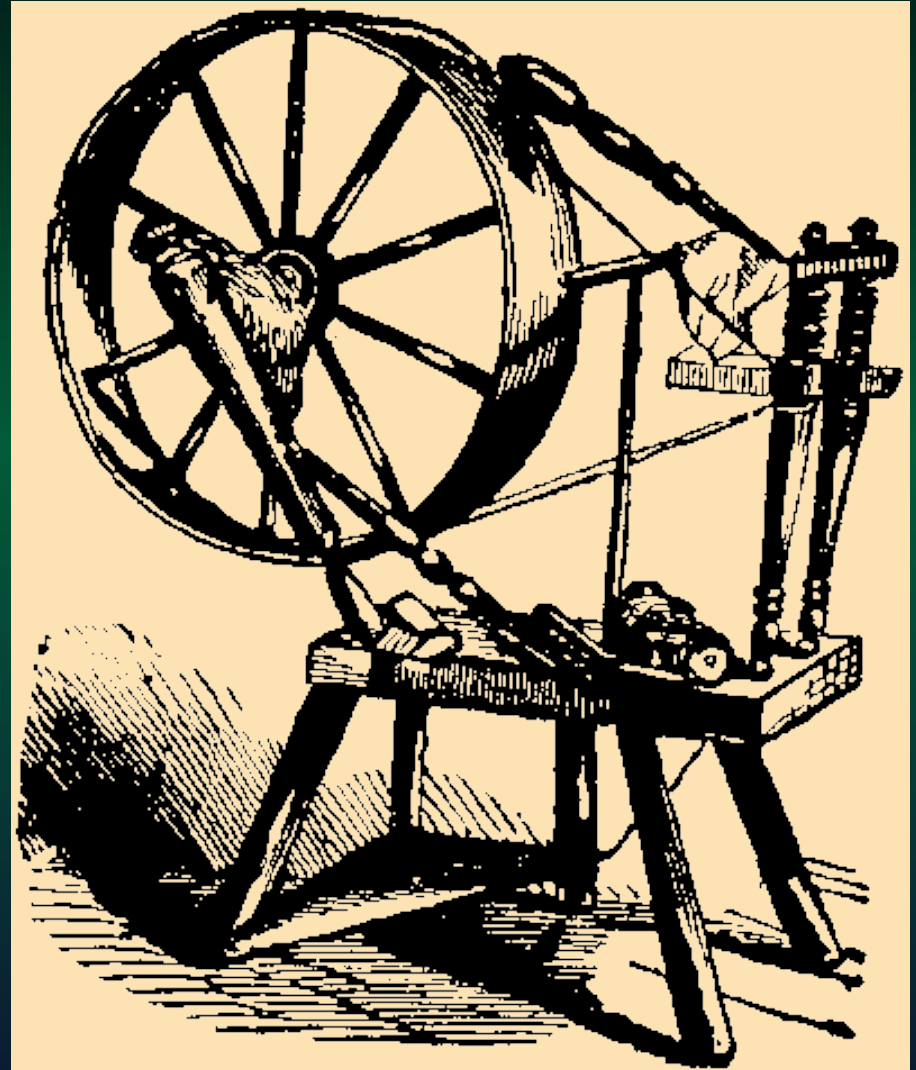


Daughters of Liberty

Homespun Fabric



*Reduced dependence
on British textiles*



St—p! st—p! st—p! No!

Tuesday-Morning, December 17, 1765.

THE True-born Sons of Li-
berty, are desired to meet under LIBERTY-
TREE, at XII o'Clock, THIS DAY, to hear the
the public Resignation, under Oath, of ANDREW
OLIVER, Esq; Distributor of Stamps for the Province
of the *Massachusetts-Bay*.

A Resignation ? YES.

The Stamp Act

1765

INTERNAL Tax
on
legal documents

MASS RESISTANCE

Boycotts
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Parliament's

Not Done

Townshend Acts 1767

Tax on *Imports*



Pb

Lead

Atomic Number: 82
Atomic Mass: 207.20



These **Guys** *Again*





More of
These
Guys

The background of the slide is a historical engraving of the Boston Massacre. It depicts a street scene in Boston with British soldiers in red uniforms firing on a crowd of civilians. The scene is set in front of a church with a steeple. The text 'The BLOODY MASSACRE perpetrated in King-Street BOSTON on March 5th 1770 by a party of the 29th REGT' is visible at the top of the engraving. The title 'Boston Massacre' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, and the year '1770' is in large, bold, cyan letters.

Boston Massacre 1770

Confrontation

between

British Troops

and a

Rowdy Mob

The BLOODY MASSACRE perpetrated in King-Street BOSTON on March 5th 1770 by a party of the 29th REG^t



The BLOODY MASSACRE perpetrated in King-Street BOSTON on March 5th 1770 by a party of the 29th REG^t



Engraved by Paul Revere Printed & Sold by PAUL REVERE BOSTON

With one
exception...

Tax on
Imports

Periodic
Atomic Number: 82
Atomic Mass: 207.20

REPEALED



**Just because we don't tax...
doesn't mean that we can't!**



The Coast is Clear?



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Wendell 2008

The Chain of Events

Leading to the Revolution

- Tea Act
- Boston Tea Party
- Intolerable Acts
- Lexington & Concord

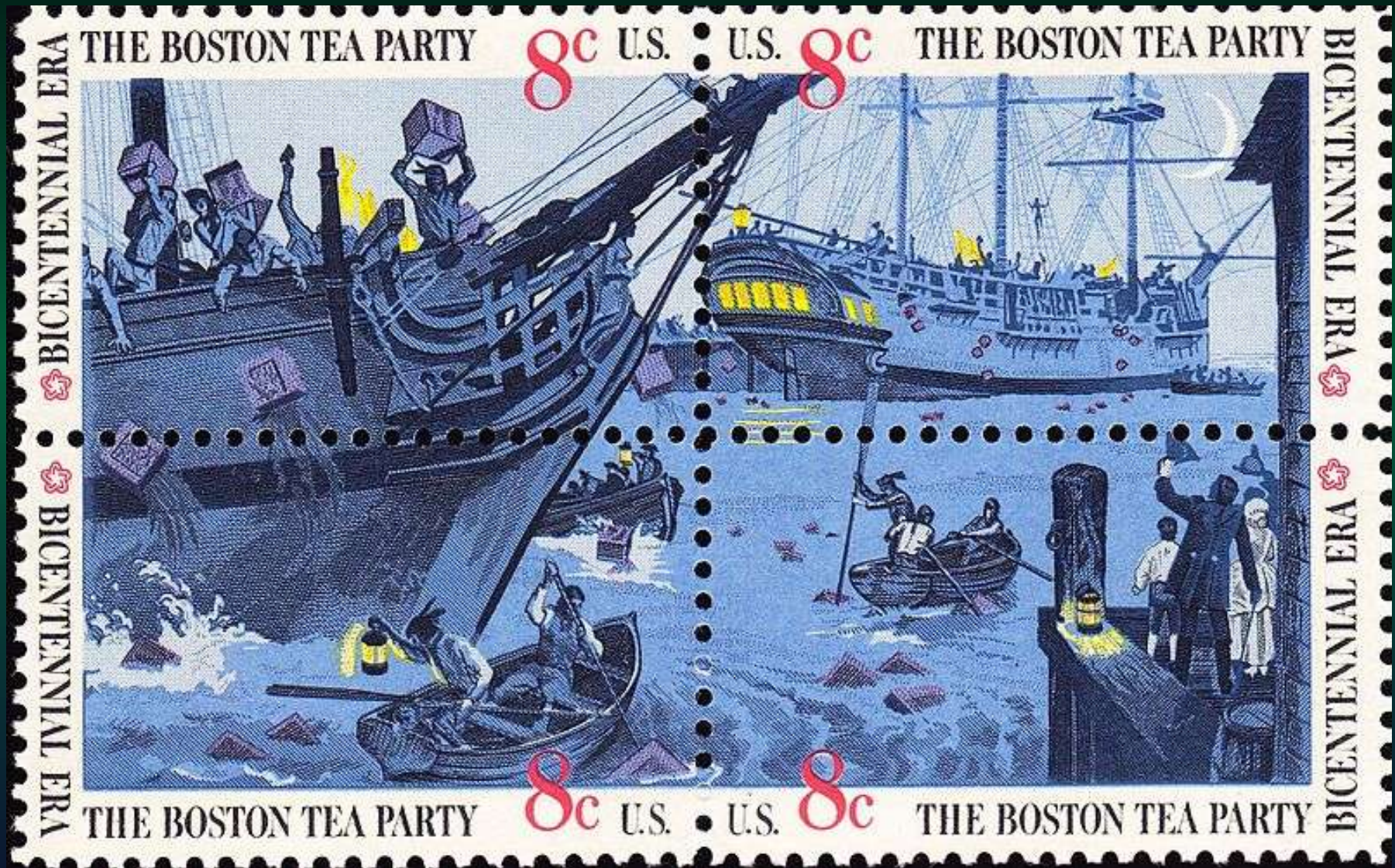


The Tea Act

1773

Parliament
Grants a
Monopoly
to a British
Company

Boston Tea Party 1773



Intolerable Acts

1774



**MARTIAL
LAW**

Intolerable Acts

1774



Boston Port Act

**Massachusetts
Government Act**

Quartering Act

**Administration of
Justice Act**

Quebec Act

The *Minuteman*



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The *Minuteman*

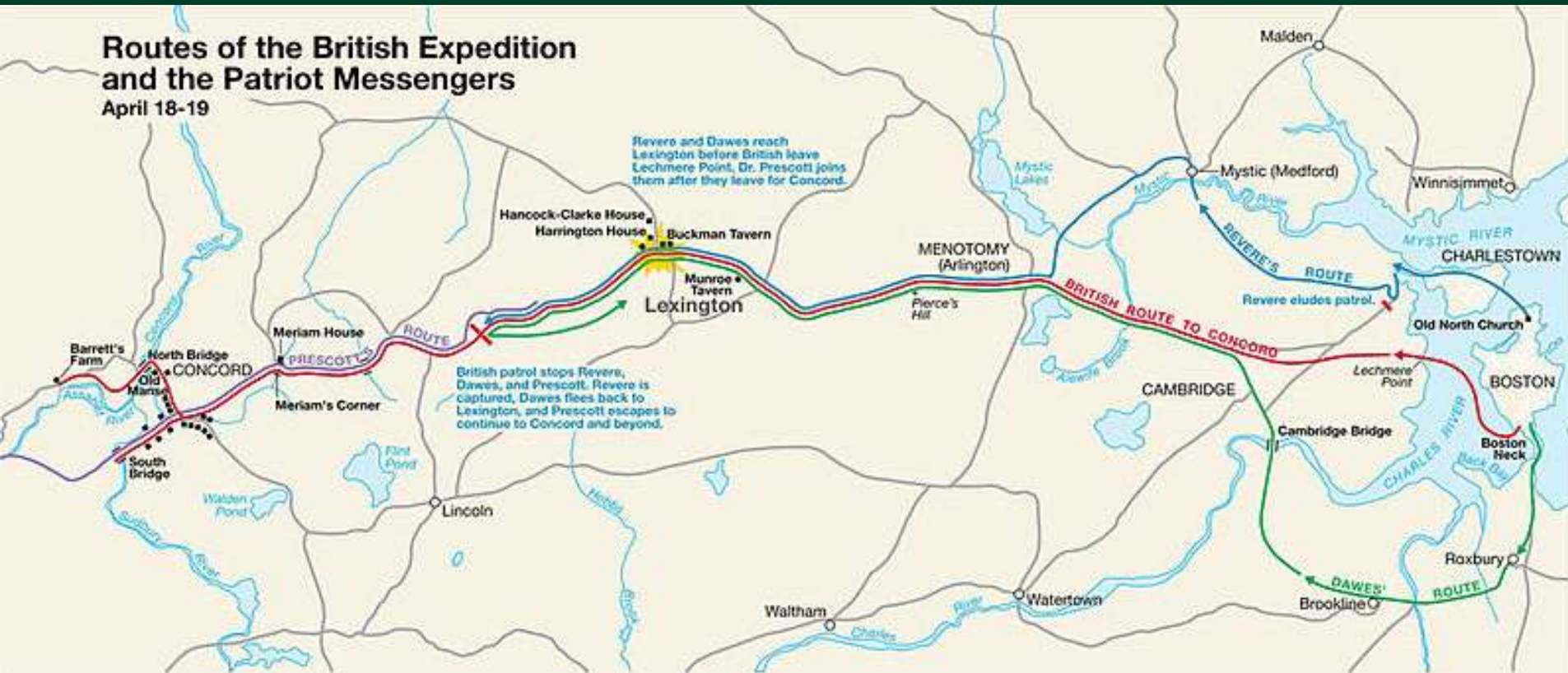
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Lexington & Concord

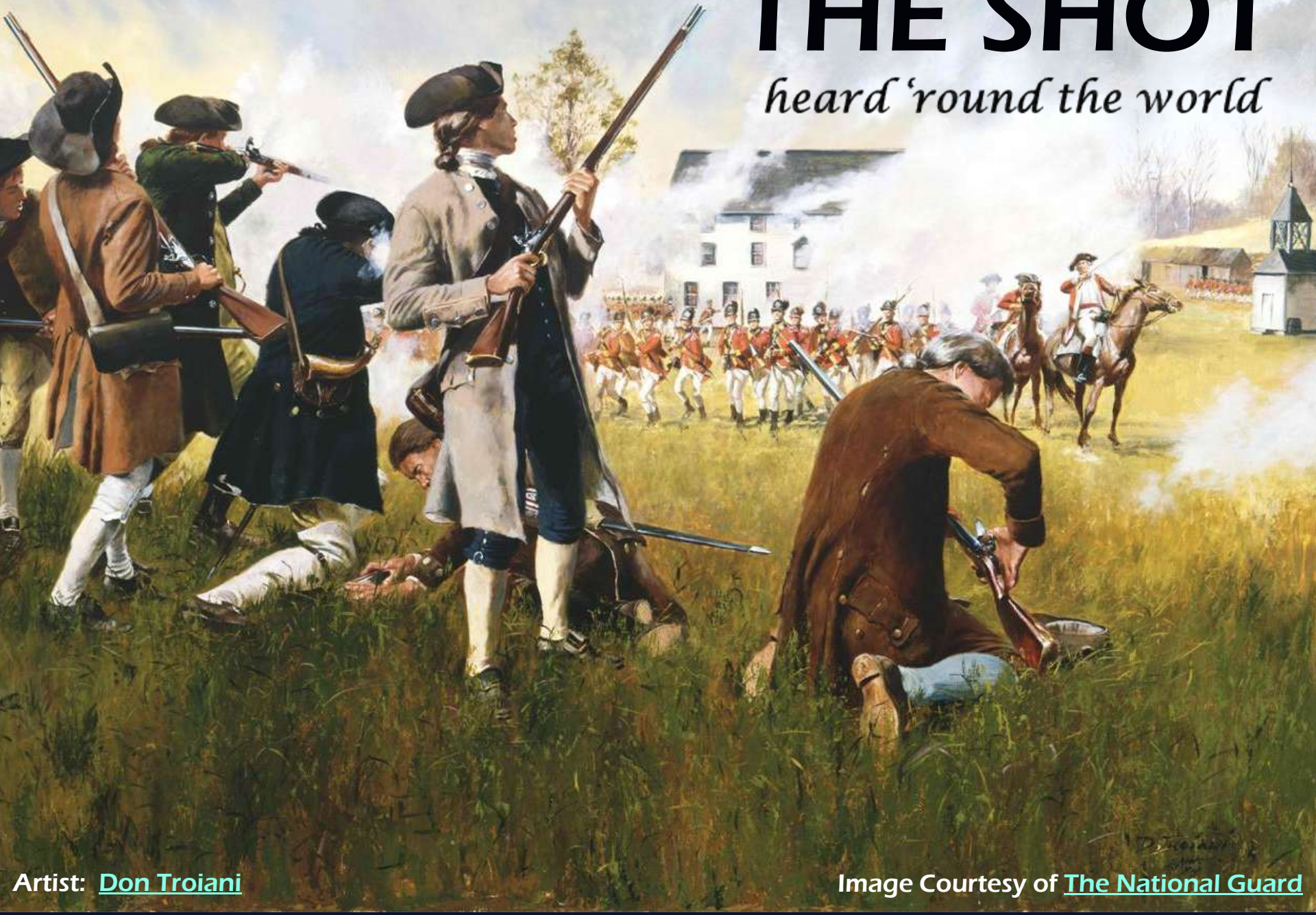
1775

OBJECTIVE:
Seize the Arsenal



THE SHOT

heard 'round the world



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The Old North Bridge



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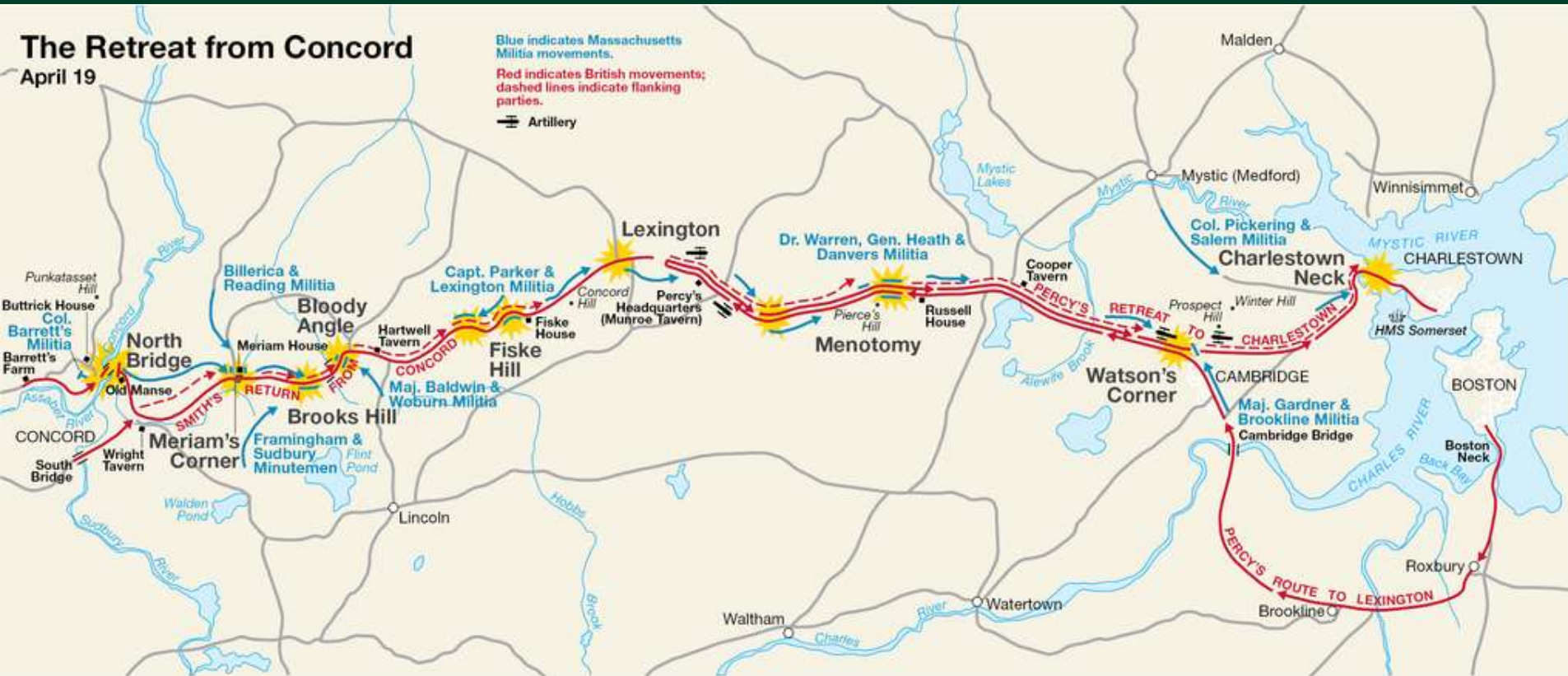
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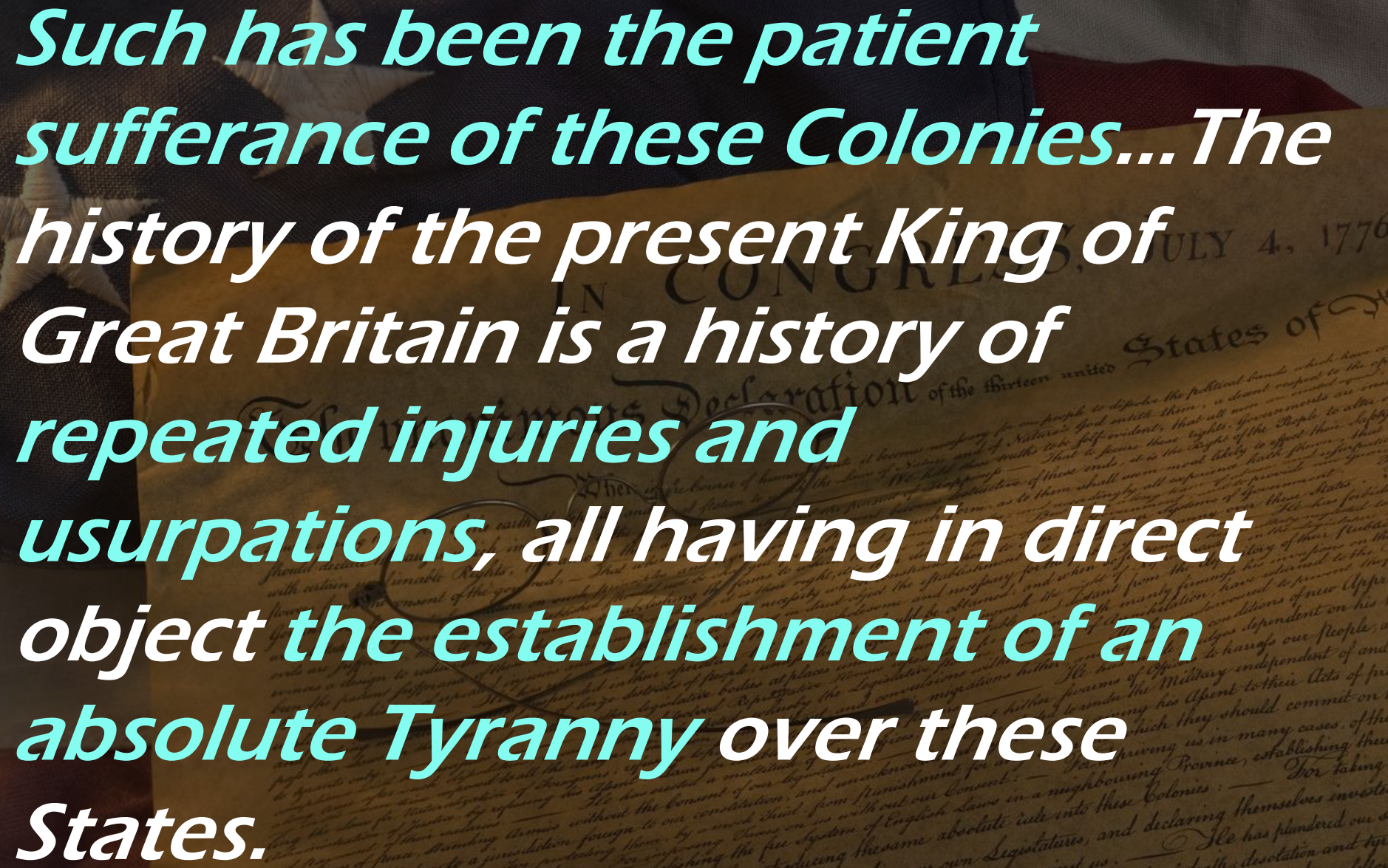
1775

The Retreat from Concord

April 19

Blue indicates Massachusetts Militia movements.
Red indicates British movements; dashed lines indicate flanking parties.
— Artillery





*Such has been the patient
sufferance of these Colonies... The
history of the present King of
Great Britain is a history of
repeated injuries and
usurpations, all having in direct
object the establishment of an
absolute Tyranny over these
States.*



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