

From Subjects to Citizens: A Revolutionary Breakup

Exploring the Grievances Behind the Declaration, 250 Years Later



Our dearest King George III,

It is of the utmost importance that we discuss our current state of conflict. After several discussions together as colonists, we deem that we must inevitably find our own path and continue our journey through separate ways. Strong words are about to be shared regarding our situation; by doing so, we wish that no blood shall be shed and that our farewell shall be as gentle and soft as a feather on the breeze, as quiet as a whisper in the wind. We wish to withdraw from this relationship and cut the bonds that connect us.

Our reasons are as follows:

You dragged us into numerous wars against other countries even though we had nothing them ourselves. You convinced us they were our enemies and manipulated us into fighting, and especially, the bills that came with them.

You also stole the money we worked hard for by taxing us without giving us any representation. We had no voice in Parliament, yet somehow you still expected us to hand over our coins every time we bought paper, tea or practically everything else. We could not even enjoy our evening cup of tea anymore without thinking about taxes (which quite frankly ruined the tea).

You refused to pass important laws and ignored our needs; laws that would have helped us feel safer and more independent. Every time we asked for help, it felt as though our request disappeared somewhere in the ocean.

You also took away our rights to fair trials by sending us far away to be judged by courts loyal to you. We feel like our voices and rights no longer matter, and we cannot trust a government that punishes us instead of protecting us. Being sent across the ocean for a trial is a bit dramatic don't you think? For these reasons, we believe it is best that we separate and govern ourselves. Sincerely, the colonists.

Leah
Grombie

Break up letter to King George III

4°E

Dear George,

After years of cooperation, we feel we've given too much in return for too little. ✓

We stayed loyal to you, yet you were never here. To compensate your absence you had the marvelous idea of sending your soldiers to keep us company and "protect" us. Did you know? Your loyal minions are harassing us and eating our food. ✓

It's a time of peace, George, there's no need for such measures, especially those unapproved by our legislature. ✓ If this is going to work, respect should go both ways. Despite the problems you caused us, we accepted you, but the second we brought them up or suggested a change you flatly refused without putting yourself in our shoes. Even after refusing to pass necessary laws, you pretended to act in our best interests. It is possible you utterly misunderstood us, otherwise I would suggest a different career. 😊 We believe your exaggerated sense of self-importance led you to a false conclusion: that you are the only individual capable of ruling a country. Self worth is important for a person's well being but disregarding others' opinions and breaking up all legislatures that opposed you is considered narcissistic. ✓ You've abused of your power and are clearly corrupted. ✓

We've concluded that you're not good for us
and do not deserve our servitude nor have you
earned our respect. We may be near colonies in your
eyes but we believe we are destined to be great.
Best of luck with your new conquests, from this point
on, consider us history.

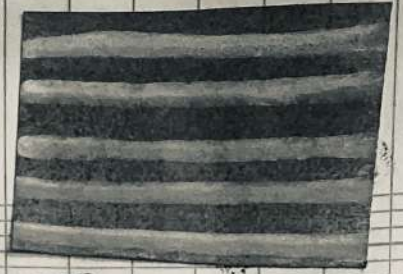
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Letter to the King

This letter was made the 17th January 1966 but arrived to the King ten years later because the mail was so bad. The events were so predictable that the person knew what would happen before hand.
(PS: this is definitely not a plot hole, trust me bro.)

Greetings your Excellency... I'm sorry you had to find out this way; but no one really likes you... or your ideas... except some people I guess, but we don't like them either, they only like you because you have money. Anywho, what the Hell man! I thought we were chill dude! First you start by taking our paper, I am literally using this right now to write this letter to you, and there's a FUCKING stamp on it!! What are you gonna lose next! Our sugar!... Our tea! We might as well throw it in the sea! We might as well throw you in the sea! You better pay to your god! The one that "conveniently" chose you to be his divine heir! Cause we're gonna take you down! And couldn't you pay for all of Britain's debts; you are rich right? But instead you make people on the brink of dying from starvation to pay off your debt! Can you stop mistreating us!! How would you feel ~~being~~ getting mistreated!?! And on top of all that, most of your taxes are supplying your troops and not paying the debt. And you then use these troops to repress and beat us! And all your ideas have left us in ruin just to satisfy your snivelling ass's ego. You have never cared for us and we don't care for you either. This relationship between us is going nowhere. So let's get straight to the point; we are breaking up with you.

Yes



Zacharie
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4° E

Break up Letter to King George III

Dear King George,

It is over.

We tried to remain loyal, we truly did. We fought in British wars, traded with Britain, and helped build your empire. You needed us when Britain was in debt, but when the bills came, you decided the colonies should pay.

For years, we accepted your rule because we believed we still had rights as English subjects. But you forgot something important: Loyalty is not the same as obedience.

You taxed us without our consent. You kept standing armies in our towns during peacetime. You made judges depend on you instead of justice. You denied us trial by jury. You refused to let our representatives pass laws we needed.

And somehow, George, you seemed surprised that we were angry.

The stamp act showed us that parliament wanted our money without our voice. The Boston Tea Party was not just about tea. It was our answer to years of unfair treatment.

You sacrificed our blood to build your empire, so we sacrificed your tea to defend our rights.

We asked for fairness. You gave us taxes.
We asked for representation. You gave us silence.
We asked for peace. You sent soldiers.
We asked for justice. You gave us more control.

You were ready to fight your own subjects for their own rights.

The ideas of the Enlightenment have taught us that people are born with natural rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A government receives its power from the consent of the governed, not from a crown. If a ruler destroys the right of the people, the people have the right to overthrow that government.

Congratulations, George. You turned Royal subjects into revolutionaries.

Nothing unites thirteen colonies faster than one King making the same mistake thirteen times.

This is not our first letter, George. We tried patience, petitions and reconciliation. But clearly you never cared much for olive branches.

So consider this our last letter. We are no longer your Royal subjects. We choose liberty, we choose independence.

Farewell, George.
No longer faithfully yours,

The united colonies of America.

Elhan P

My Good byes

Dear King George the III Although you are (cough) handsome and all the citizens hate you, you're damage to them has gone too far, you do not deserve me nor my aid. You are actually very ugly and your attitude is childish, I mean look at you, even your mirror breaks upon seeing you, all the pigs run away from you, even the mud desintegrates its self. Your "courage" is beyond a mosquito when it decides to approach people. And honestly who wants to eat with someone who farts twice more than a cow, and the smell? woof!! Well the only good thing about you is that you eat my homemade cookies in which I added legs of crickets, eyes of flies, warts from toads and a little bit of snake skin. But anyway now that you ate them a couple minutes ago you have 28 minutes to live, so make the most of it. No you know what, think about the bad things you did such as the Boston massacre, the Stamp act, the Boston tea party, ring a bell? just prey you have a good immune system, although we can call it more of a vulnerable system if we think of the amount of healthy things you eat.

Oh and also, just remember to not
eat those wierd flowers in the attic
so you don't mistake colonists with your
wife again. I would be more than happy to
replace a 3 year old at the head of this
country, and I would also appreciate you returning
to your original, intellectual level, being kinder-
garden. If I had to chose between
Lock and you, I would definitely chose
Lock, and thats exactly what I'm going
to do. I also got my chariot liscence
so good bye, actually no see YOU in hell
and me at the top of Heaven. See ya
loser.

My Dearest King,

I write to you to inform you of the end of our relationship.

Don't make this any harder than it already is. You have pushed my limits too far, I feel that you have betrayed me by your selfishness.

The Stamp Act has deprived my friends and I from something we really love, playing cards together. In that way you have hurt me and I resent you for it is truly you the problem and not me. You are so far away you send your soldiers to babysit the colonies but actually they are the extension of your oppression.

I want to break up with you because you are excluding us from the rest of the world through your suppression of the trade. I feel like we can't evolve together. My empire can't become as powerful as it could be by staying with you. I wanted to be with you at the Parliament while the decision about the Stamp

Act was being made, but I see that communication doesn't have much value in the relationship to you as it does to me.

I wasn't blinded by your reputation at first but now I see you don't care about me, you don't feel the same way I feel about you.

My neighbour Thomas Jefferson have shown us that justice is possible, as long as you disappear and stop damaging me.

The people are suffering from the war you are bringing on us but we don't believe we have any interests in participating in it. I believe England is trying to enslave ~~my~~ colony

I have considered our break up for a long time and I am open and ready to a new and healthy relationship.

Annabel James, Justine Picon

Valentine KERHUEL 40E

Hello Dear George,

We the colonists from America, have an announcement for you. But first, we'd like to thank you for all the beautiful things you've done for America.

Like when you've told your dear friends to sometimes stand around our houses so we couldn't go out for protection. We've all had so much fun making their food!

We heartily appreciated when you tried to protect some of us when we wanted to bring a witnessed murder to the court. You fortunately said no, as we would've been in conflict.

You are the greatest, truly! you are protective of your colonies and obviously love all of us unconditionally.

We still remember the wonderful time where you took away our communication systems, since you were scared others would harass us. You've always taken us under your wing, just like

a king should!
You even taught us how
to ration our needs. You
never wanted to give us
more than the bare
minimum, even when we
begged since you wanted
us to learn seriously.
You prohibited us from
forbidding anyone to
come into our houses and
steal our appliances. We
all made so many friends
and learned over subjects
we both liked.
Thank you for all these
actions you've done
for us.

But mom, here are the
bad news: your tea is
way too overpriced! So
much that we felt like you
were almost taking advantage
of us! So this is it. Thank
you for everything, but
goodbye.

We are officially throwing
your famous tea in the
ocean.

Goodbye, King George.

Amelia
BERTOLDI
BENITO
4°E

26/05/26

Breakup later to king George III

Your Majesty, bravest of the kings,
fairest of the kings!

I think you are maybe, only
maybe, don't misunderstand me,
oppressing us a little too much. You
have, maybe, "refused to pass, and
forbidden your governors to pass,
important and necessary laws". You
have, maybe, "imposed taxes on us
without our consent". You have, maybe,
"made judges dependent on you for
their jobs and salaries". But I am
going to stop here with all this nonsense
as all these quotes come from an unknown
book called "The Declaration of Independence",
which is only telling lies.

I know we colonists have the fault
for all the Acts as the Stamp Act,
the Sugar Act or even the Tea Act, but
maybe, think it through, you may have
a part, surely an insignificant one, of this
fault, as, do you find it logical that we
should tax ourselves? Do you really
find a logic in it?

You have, maybe, "cut off our trade with all parts of the world" or "sent swarms of British officers to harass our people and eat our food". But don't take these quotes personally, as they still come from "The Declaration of Independence".

Our natural rights are maybe violated, don't you think? But no, don't mind, I might surely be wrong. Oh! I'm sorry, I didn't tell you what natural rights are! I don't know if you actually know what they are, because of your extreme intelligence, but, as you can imagine, they were invented by another unknown character in history, John Locke. I won't lose more time explaining you what natural rights are and who John Locke is, his achievements, his principles, because it is useless, you won't understand, you are too clever for this.

We fear you, because we saw an evil and deliberate conspiracy to crush liberty in America. We have the evidence of this conspiracy in the Stamp Act and in the Coercive Acts. You are trying to enslave us!

It's too much! Let us alone live
our lives!

Thank you for your consideration,
bravest of the kings,
I will now let you read the next
unsignificant letter, fairest of the
kings.

See you, Georgy!

King

Justice...

... for me!

Georges III

I LOVE MYSELF



To: His Majesty The King

Buckingham Palace - United Kingdom



With Hate...

Mr. Georges,

Hand not my King anymore, for the free violence, for the ignorance, for all our blood, reaked by silent revolt, dripping on our rags already stained by misery and hunger, this very blood flowing out of our opened wounds because of foreign silver bullets, dirty with lies and false promises. Hand for we, I and as well as every Americans, define ourselves in a nation deprived of inequalities and violence, in a land of respect, where no human being will be forced to lower his head, when he worked hard for a food with which he will have to feed murdering pigs, while starving himself. In this country, with water protecting us from your tyrant, well-fed kids, laughing in innocence, ignoring that before a pool of children's blood stained their playground while your henchmen were leaving a eleven years-old boy to death, surrounded by a crying crowd. In this country, letters of love and hope would fly over rivers and across fields, as birds singing news, when before they had to pay to have the right to open their beach. ~~By~~ While you exploited your people to pay

for your whims, He dreamt, He imagined, cried the sacrifices, laugh to the perspective of living free. He risked all He had for His and His family's liberty. From your cruelties, He grew unified by the idea of an abominable tyrant, somewhere beyond the Seas, ~~was~~ nourishing himself by their labor like a leech. But today, his suffering is about to end. Today, if I write you, it's to free my people. I suppose you monster won't admit we are independent, probably provoking war. But will you like my blood until the end, or will it become bitter?

Fortunately not yours anymore,

America



Yr. Majesty

King George III

July 4th 1776
My last love,
My heart doesn't be
been taken by a wis
wonder what it is sin
them, but it is about till
My affection for you was
acts you imposed on my
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July, 4th 1776

My last love,

My heart doesn't belong to Britain anymore, it has been taken by a wind of natural rights. You may wonder what it is since you have trouble recognizing them, but it is about liberty, life and happiness. My affection for you was blown away after all these acts you imposed on my home. At first, I had faith in you but day after day, year after year, you became more and more controlling and corrupted so I had no choice but to leave you for my own wellbeing. You have plundered my country ravaged my heart and burned my spirit. I also heard the Parliament criticize us: they want you to be even more strict but we can't do it anymore, we won't survive another year of restrictions. The love sovereignty is based on consent and if you don't respect our love contract it is my right to alter or abolish it. You can ask John Locke about it, he is surely more advanced on the subject than you.

I understand you have trust issues but maybe sending armies to look after me is slightly excessive, especially if I have to house and feed your soldiers. I feel like you are invading my personal space and would like you to stop. And, honestly, closing harbours and cutting off my connections from the rest of the world is a big red flag. I also think there is a communication problem and you probably know that it has an important role in a

relationship: every time I send a petition or a demand for my rights you ignore me. I am deeply affected by this and I have decided that we couldn't continue. I've had enough of all these constraints! We are in a toxic relationship and it is time for us to go separate ways, even if it breaks our hearts.

I reassure you, I am not leaving because of Thomas Jefferson as he is also not recognizing the fact that women have the same rights as men. He's no better than you because he also doesn't consider slaves and indians as his equals. He is a manipulator and a demagogue and even if he already proposed to me, I was not a fool and rejected him. He is trying to rally me against you but I'm breaking up with you for my own reasons. I believe I have a part to play in history but not with you. I want to be independant and I don't want anyone controlling me anymore.

Sincerely yours, the 13 colonies

Georgie boo

Dear goergie,

We send you this letter across seas to tell you some very disappointing news. Gorgie dear this is my letter to you. its not you-well actually it is you, we believe that the relationship is becoming too toxic because you never put us ^{first}. You never offered us a kiss. You took everything from us, and you taxed us and taxed us without end just to shoot our brothers without pity or remorse my brother crispus attucks sacrificed himself for us and you never noticed nor cared: you disapointed us. You used our money to bedazzle yourself with fancy jewels. Can we also talk about how we paied all the restaurants we ate at and you never thanked us. You welcomed yourself onto our land with your british minions. You turn our unified people against us: the loyalists who were once us, now celebrate you and your horrid ways of mananging a relationship. In the furture, we will never be able to trust a person like you to govern our colonies ever again. My heart now belongs to Johny boo, he made us realise that natural rights matter, that we have inalienable rights and liberties and that we should be an equal relationship, For the record, we hope that your next victim of love will not suffer as we have. ^{they still...} Johny boo is sweet with me and takes time to explain to me what I should ask in this relationship. But I see it's too late now so I have decided to reclaim what is mine: my freedom. but my heart will always bleed and will sing a sorrowful song in your remembrance.

Duval
Elisa
Bergey
Elsie
40F

My dearest King George the 3rd,
enough is enough; today is the day everything
ends. I loved our union but today I hate it, I
mean not only today it's been 20 days
that you've done everything wrong. I really tried
to forgive you but I can't anymore.

You've been very controlling by imposing
taxes on me, but sweetheart I did not ask
for that. Who do you think you are violating
my rights like that? Normally I would say
it's not you it's me but in other case it's not
me it's you. You taxed my paper and now
even to talk to you I have to pay. Instead of
talking about it and asking for my opinion you
tax my tea. Really! My sweat tea! While we're
at it why don't you tax my water. Taxing my
tea is like making me pay for my own oxygen.
Now you need to understand that our
relationship is not working anymore. I mean
we've been very tense lately and I just can't
take it anymore I have to leave you. I hope
that now you realize how badly you've
been treating me lately. You have to know
that this is not easy for me. I
even had to ask my therapist Thomas
Paine to help me write this letter, and
for that I thank him alot. If I am
writing this today it's mostly thanks to him.
I think this is hard because one day told
me we would be happy forever, but now I'm
writing a letter to tell you we won't ever work together.

Ange

"Break up" letter

Cochet

Dear King George III, this went too far.

Charlie
Brooks

I wrote this letter to inform you of every bad thing you've done and I think some changes must be made. We have suffered too much.

You've taken our freedom and rights by, not respecting the social contract.

You've greatly damaged our life and our work with all your taxes.

And I wanted to pay my respects to your wise decisions and your protective army who brought us on the right path.

You never listened to us when we requested our freedom and independence. We feel like you've been controlling us, we suspect that you organized a conspiracy against us.

By accepting our independence we hope to create a great and mighty empire,

the largest in the world ever seen
founded on liberty and freedom, civil
and religions.

I think that we deserve better even
with your immense wisdom. You are still
not the right king for us.

With all our respect, we wish you
good luck

Goodbye twin.

The colonists