He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large distrcts of People unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the Legislature a right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrans only. He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual uncomfortable and distant from the depository of their public Records for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures He has dissolved representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.
He has refused for a long time after such dissolutions to cause others to be elected whereby the legislative powers incapable of annihilation have returned to the people at large for their exercise the state remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without and convulsions within He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States for that purpose obstructing the Laws for naturalization of foreigners refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither and raising the conditions of new appropriations of Lands.
He has obstructed the administration of Justice by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.
He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their Salaries
He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harrass our people and eat out their substance He has kept among us in times of peace Standing Armies without the consent of our Legislatures.
He has affected to render military independent of and superior to the Civil power He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation.
For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us.
For protecting them by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world.
For imposing taxes on us without our consent for depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury for transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offences For abolishing the free system of English Laws in a neighbouring province.
establishing therein an Arbitrary government and enlarging its boundaries so as to render it at once an Example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into those Colonies For taking away our Charters



Abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments For suspending our own legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever
He has abdicated government here by declaring us out of his protection and waging War against us he has plundered our seas ravaged our coasts burnt our Towns and destroyed the lives of our people He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death desolation and tyranny already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages and totally unworthy the head of civilized nation He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear arms against their Country to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren or to fall themselves by their hands
He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages sexes and conditions
In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury a prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant is unfit to be the ruler of a free People Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our british brethren we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us we have reminded them of their circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here We have appealed to their native Justice and magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations which would inevitable interrupt our connexions and correspondence they too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of consanguinity we must therefore acquiesce in the necessity which denounces our separation and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind Enemies in War in peace Friends. We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions do in the name and by authority of the good people of these Colonies solemnly publish & declare that these United colonies are and of right ought to be free and Independent States that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown and that all political connexion between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved and that as free and Independent States they