

“George, it’s OVER!” – Declaration of Independence Break up Letter

To show your understand why the colonists wanted to “break up” with King George III, you will create a break-up letter yourself...but with a twist. Because no one really writes letters anymore, you will write a series of text messages between you and the King to explain **WHY** you want to break up using evidence from your text and homework. For each quote from the Declaration of Independence below, write a text **exchange** in your own words between the Colonists and George to explain each grievance.



Colonists: George, we really need to talk. Things just aren’t working out. We just can’t take it anymore. It’s OVER! Don’t call or text me anymore. IT IS OVER!



King George III: What do you mean it’s over? I know we’ve had some rough times recently but I thought things were getting better. Why do you want to break up?



Colonists: Really? You didn’t see this coming? Here’s just a short list of the things I can’t stand about our relationship anymore. Don’t get mad either...remember, you asked for it! For starters...

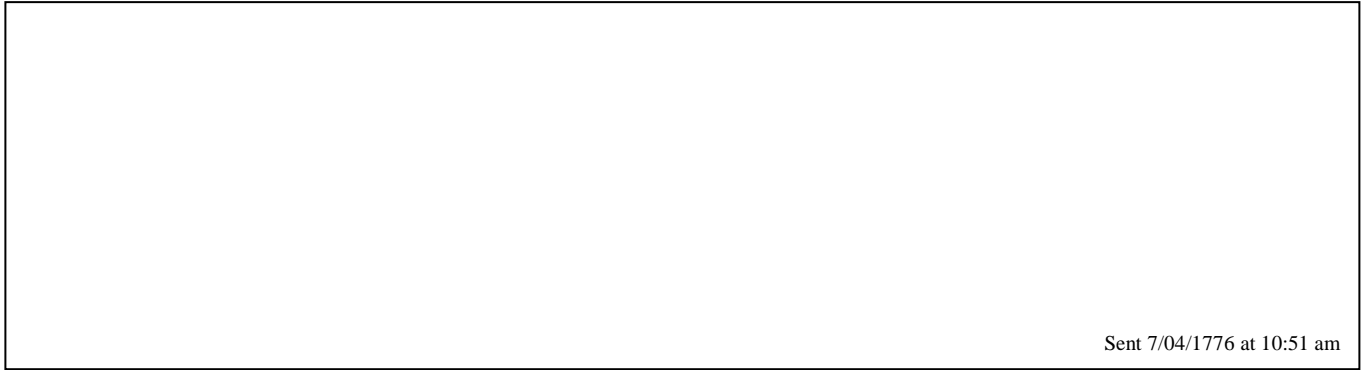
1. “He has deprived us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury

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2. “He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.”

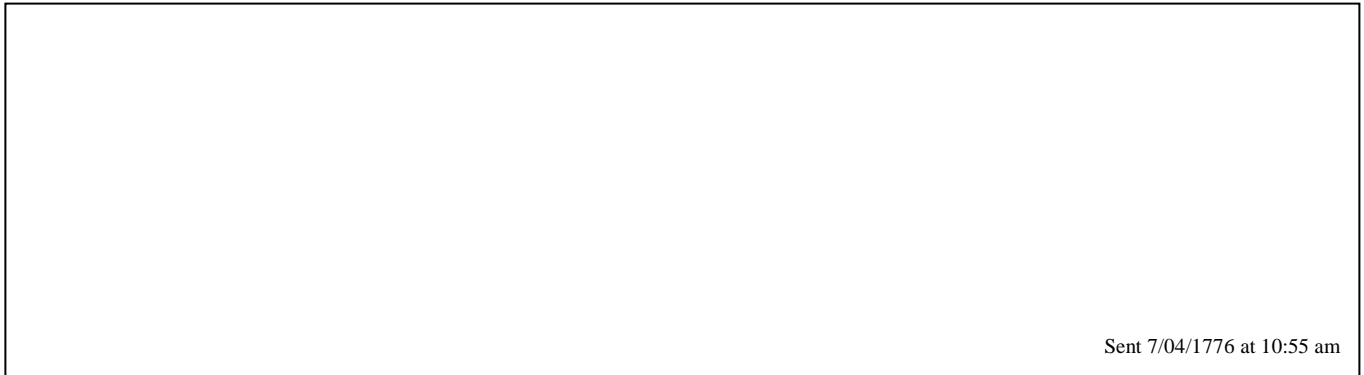
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3. "He has cut off our Trade with all parts of the world"



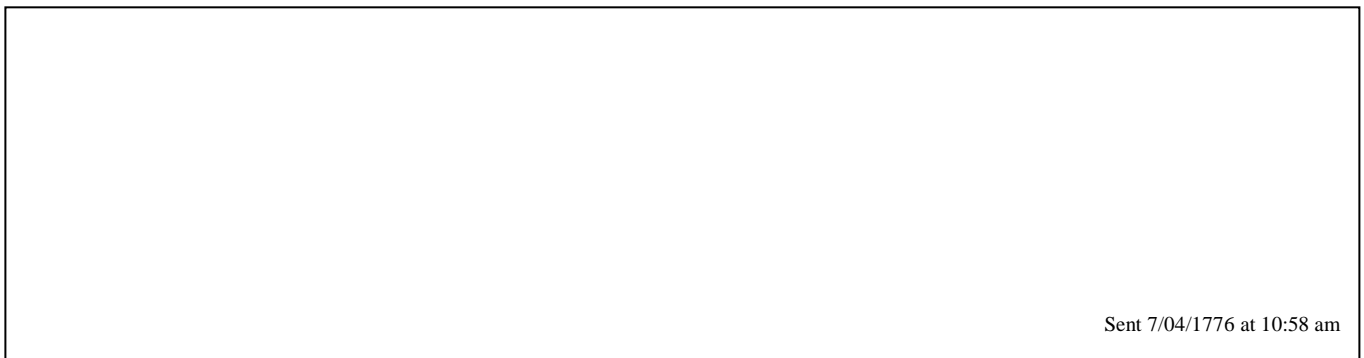
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4. "He has imposed Taxes on us without our Consent:"



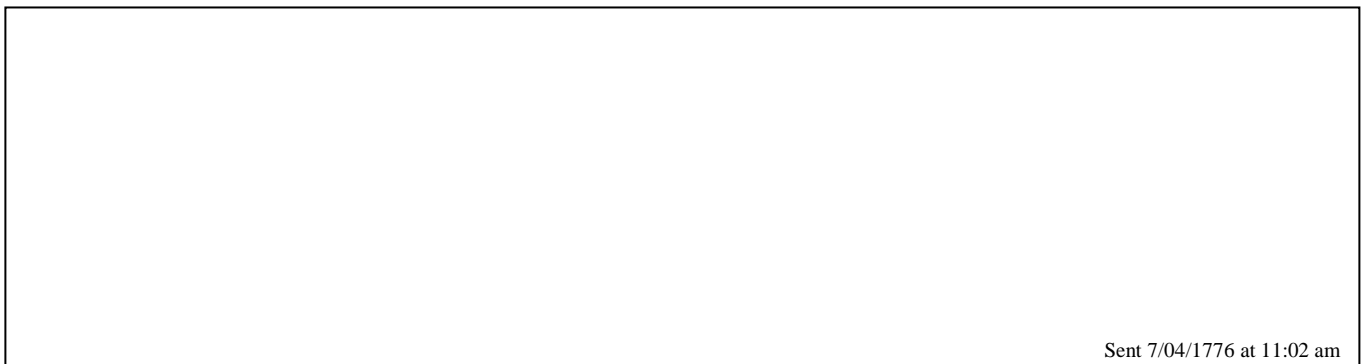
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5. "For suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever."



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6. "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."



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