

America 250 SAR Programs Committee



First Continental Congress

September 5 - October 26, 1774



"Intolerable Acts"

1. Boston Port Act
2. Massachusetts Government Act
3. Administration of Justice Act
4. Quartering Act
5. Quebec Act

"Boston
under
martial
law"

"Intolerable Acts"

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"Royal
Navy
blockades
Boston
Harbor"

"Intolerable Acts"

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**"Replace
elective
local council
with
military
governor"**

"Intolerable Acts"

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"Trial
of a
crown
officer
to
England"

"Intolerable Acts"

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"Unoccupied buildings to house British troops"

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"The free
exercise of
the religion
of the
Church of
Rome"



“Colonists
rose in
solidarity with
Massachusetts”

The able Doctor, or America swallowing the Bitter Draught.



Virginia's
Committee of
Correspondence
originating the
invitation.



“Delegates
would set
terms for a
boycott”



“Delegates
elected by their
legislatures or
committees of
correspondence”



**“Carpenters’
Hall
Philadelphia,
Sept. 5,
1774”**



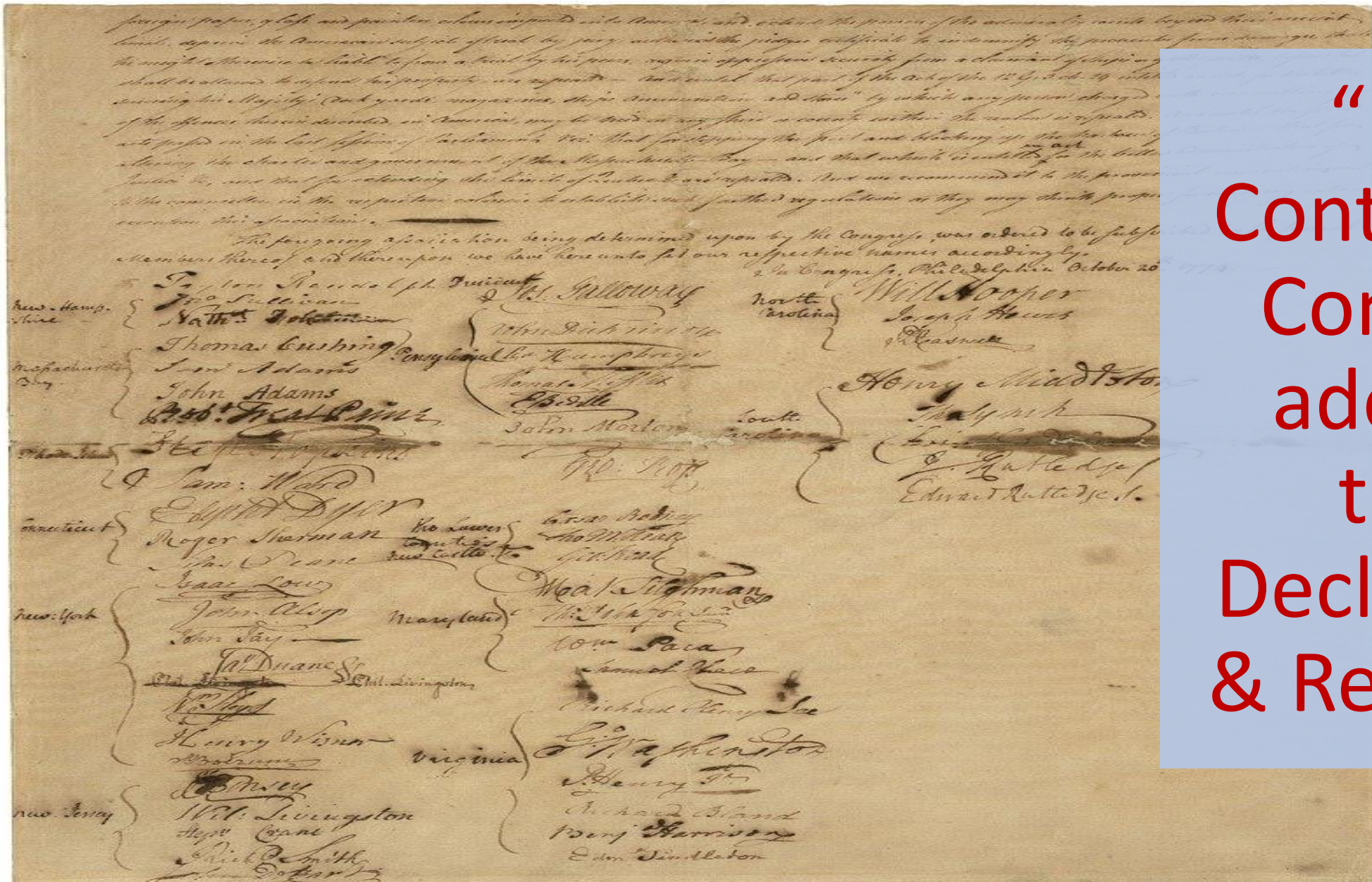
John Adams left
wife Abigail at
home. They
exchanged letters
throughout the FCC.

John Adams wrote to Abigail: "I believe if it was moved and seconded that We should come to a Resolution that Three and two make five We should be entertained with Logick and Rhetorick, Law, History, Politicks and Mathematicks, concerning the Subject for two whole Days, and then We should pass the Resolution unanimously in the Affirmative."



John Adams commented in his diary: "This was one of the happiest days of my life. In Congress we had generous, noble sentiments, and manly eloquence. This day convinced me that America will support Massachusetts or perish with her."

Paul Revere delivered a copy of the Suffolk Resolves (drafted by Dr. Joseph Warren and issued Sept. 9th) to the FCC. It was unanimously endorsed on September 17.



“First
Continental
Congress
adopted
their
Declaration
& Resolves”

EXTRACTS
FROM THE
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN CONTINENTAL
CONGRESS,

Held at PHILADELPHIA on the 5th of September 1774.

“That
foundation
of English
liberty, and
of all free
government”

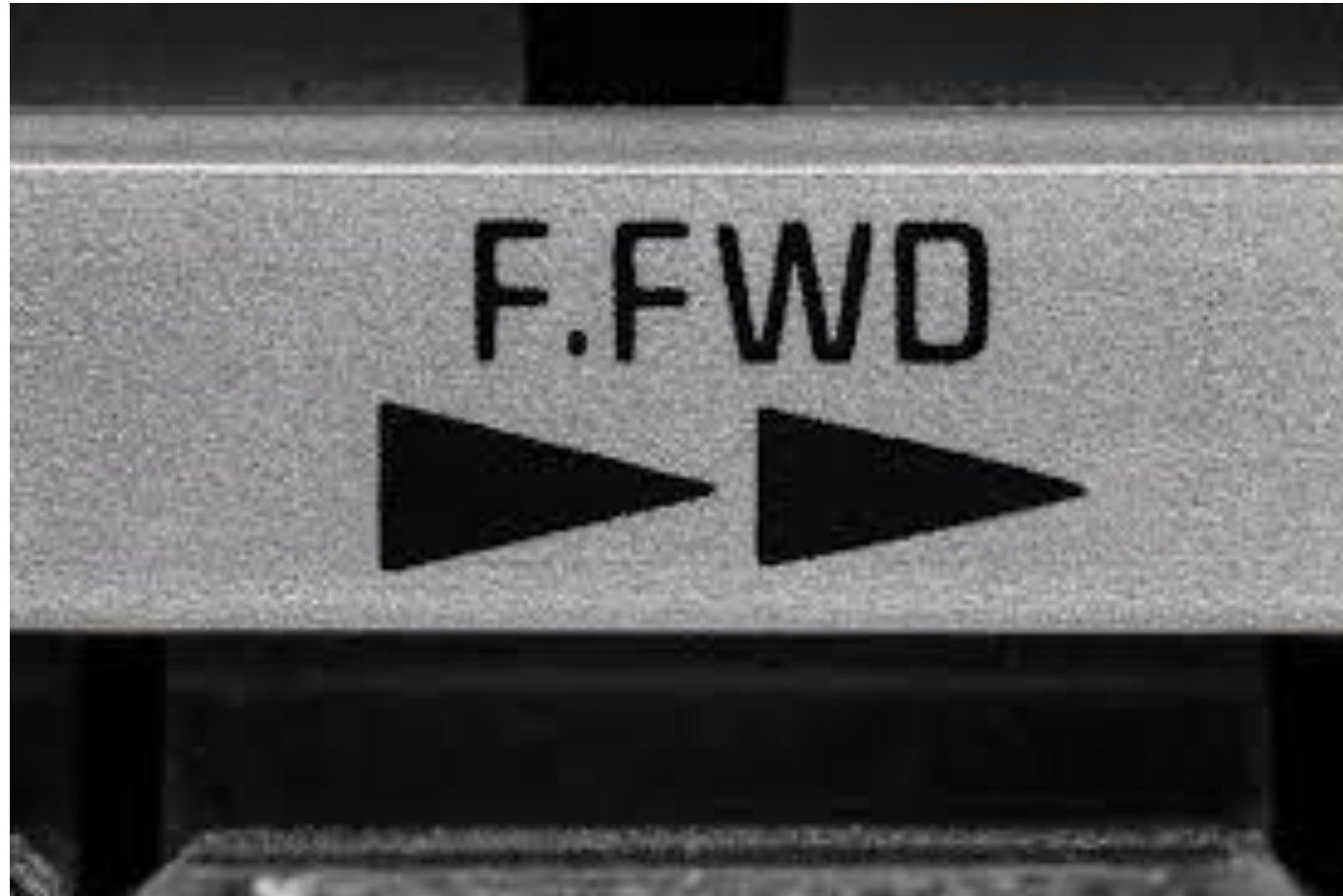


“Adopted
a
petition
to
the king”



“Many
delegates
were
skeptical”





12 years, 6 months, 18 days

Constitutional Convention

May 14 - September 17, 1787



Similarities

- Both held in Philadelphia
- Both held in a “Hall”
- Both a single session
- About the same number of Delegates (56 and 55)
- 12 of the 13 Colonies/States participated
- A few of the same guys including George Washington (VA), Roger Sherman (CT), William Livingston (NJ), Thomas Mifflin (PA), George Read (DE), John Rutledge (SC)
- Some notable absences
- Neither a “Slam Dunk”

Diminishing Delegates

- 70 Delegates were elected to attend
- 55 Delegates showed up
- 19 Delegates never attended a session
- On July 10, 2 of 3 Delegates from New York left the convention in opposition to the proceedings and did not return, leaving only Alexander Hamilton
- 42 Delegates remaining at the end
- 39 Delegates signed the constitution

Ratification

- Delaware: December 7, 1787
- Pennsylvania: December 12, 1787
- New Jersey: December 18, 1787
- Georgia: January 2, 1788
- Connecticut: January 9, 1788
- Massachusetts: February 6, 1788
- Maryland: April 28, 1788
- South Carolina: May 23, 1788
- New Hampshire: June 21, 1788 (With this state's ratification, the Constitution became legal.)
- Virginia: June 25, 1788
- New York: July 26, 1788
- North Carolina: November 21, 1789
- Rhode Island: May 29, 1790 (Rhode Island did not hold a Constitutional Convention.)

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