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(A) Vermont, 1813



July 20, 1764

“His Majesty, ... doth accordingly, hereby order and declare the western banks of the River Connecticut, from where it enters the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, as far north as the forty-fifth degree of northern latitude, to be the boundary line between the said two Provinces of New Hampshire and New York.”

King George III



(B) Boundary Declaration, 1764

<https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/portrait/mw02455/King-George-III>



The Constitution of Vermont

Whereas all government ought to be established and supported for the peace and Protection of the Community as such, and to enable the Individuals who compose it, to enjoy their natural rights, and the other Blessings which the Author of Existence has bestowed upon man; and whereas these great ends of government are not obtained, the People have a right, by common consent, to change it, and take such measures, as to them may appear necessary, to secure their safety and Happiness.

And Whereas the Inhabitants of this State have been considered of Protection only; heretofore as owing allegiance to the King of Great Britain; and the said King has not only withdrawn that Protection, but commenced a cruel and bloody war against them, with unabated Vengeance, a merciless and unrelenting rage, employing therein, not only the Force of Great Britain, but foreign Mercenaries, Savages and Slaves, for the purpose of reducing them to a total and abject submission to the despotic dominion of the Parliament, with many other Acts of Oppression, (more fully set forth in the Declaration of Congress) whereby all Allegiance and Fidelity to the said King and his Successors, are dissolved and at an end; and all power and Authority derived from him, ceased in the American Colonies.

And Whereas the territory which now comprehends the State of Vermont, did antecedently of right belong to the Government of New Hampshire; and the former Governor thereof, viz. his Excellency Benjamin Wentworth, did grant many Charters of Lands and Corporations

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(E) Vermont Constitution, 1777

Transcript:
<https://sos.vermont.gov/vsara/learn/constitution/1777-constitution/>

Congress of the United States:

AT THE THIRD SESSION,

Begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, on
Monday the sixth of December, one thou-
sand seven hundred and ninety.

*An ACT for the ADMISSION of the STATE of VERMONT into
this Union.*

THE State of Vermont having petitioned the Congress to be ad-
mitted a member of the United States, *Be it enacted by the SENATE
and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the United States of America in
Congress assembled, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That on the
fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one,
the said State, by the name and title of "the State of Vermont,"
shall be received and admitted into this Union, as a new and entire
member of the United States of America.*

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,
and President of the Senate.*

APPROVED, February the eighteenth, 1791.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, *President of the United States.*

DEPOSITED among the ROLLS in the OFFICE of the SECRETARY
of STATE.

M. G. Jefferson Secretary of State.

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(F) Vermont Statehood Document, 1791