



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1776



When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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That the Prince of Wales, who claims the Crown of Great Britain, and who is the only person who can pretend to the rights of that Crown, is a minor, and that the British Government, which is the only Government which can pretend to the rights of that Crown, is a usurper, and that the British Government, which is the only Government which can pretend to the rights of that Crown, is a usurper.

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