IN CONGRESS. JULY 4. 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, [illegible] States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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Josiah Bartlett
Wm Whipple
Saml Adams
John Adams
Robert Treat Paine
Elbridge Gerry
Stephen Hopkins
Wm Ellery
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Saml Huntington
Wm Williams
Oliver Wolcott
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