

## Risk, Reward

Read the following primary source quotation, then answer the questions below.

“That if the Continental Congress should for the safety of the said Colonies Declare them Independent of Great Britain, they . . . will solemnly engage with their lives and Fortunes to support them in the Measure.”

-Ipswich, Massachusetts Town Assembly  
*Instructions to Representatives*, June 10th, 177

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What does the above statement mean?

What did it mean for the people of Ipswich to “engage with their lives and Fortunes”?

After examining King George III’s Proclamation of Rebellion, answer the following questions:

What is King George III saying in this proclamation?

British subjects in North America had been protesting for years before this proclamation. How do you think King George III’s proclamation changed things?

What were the risks of declaring independence from the British Empire?

Do you think the risks posed by independence were worth taking? Why or why not?