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Colonies to States

Rhode Island



Government



William Wanton, Rhode Island Colonial Governor in 1732. Died in Office His 2nd Term
by Unknown
(Rhode Island State House)



Richard Ward, Rhode Island Colonial Governor from 1740 - 1743
by Unknown
(Rhode Island State House)



William Greene, Rhode Island Colonial Governor from 1743 - 1745, 1746 - 1747, 1748 - 1755, & 1757 - 1758. Died in Office
Copied from an Original by Peter Pelham
(Rhode Island State House)



“Sea Captains Carousing in Surinam”
by John Greenwood c. 1752 - 1758
(St. Louis Art Museum)



Governor Nicholas Cooke

Governor Joseph Wanton

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Governor Stephen Hopkins

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John Wanton, Rhode Island Colonial Governor from 1769 - 1775
by Unknown
(Rhode Island State House)



Joseph Wanton, Rhode Island Colonial Governor from 1769 - 1775
Acting Governor During the Gaspee Affair
by Unknown
(Rhode Island State House)



By the Honorable JOSEPH WANTON, Esquire, Governor,
(L. S.) Captain General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the English
Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England,
in America.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.



HEREAS on *Tuesday*, the ninth Instant in the Night, a Number of People, unknown, boarded His Majesty's armed Schooner the *Gaspee*, as she lay aground on a Point of Land, called *Nanquit*, a little to the southward of *Pawtuxet*, in the Colony aforesaid, who dangerously wounded Lieutenant *William Dudingston* the Commander, and by Force took him with all his People, put them into Boats, and landed them near *Pawtuxet*; and afterwards set Fire to the said Schooner, whereby she was entirely destroyed:

I HAVE, therefore, thought fit, by and with the Advice of such of His Majesty's Council, as could be seasonably convened, to issue this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all His Majesty's Officers within the said Colony, both Civil and Military, to exert themselves with the utmost Vigilance, to discover and apprehend the Persons guilty of the aforesaid atrocious Crime, that they may be brought to condign Punishment. And I do hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, Sterling Money of Great-Britain, to any Person or Persons who shall discover the Perpetrators of the said Villainy, to be paid immediately upon the Conviction of any one or more of them.

AND the several Sheriffs in the said Colony are hereby required, forthwith, to cause this Proclamation to be posted up in the most public Places, in each of the Towns in their respective Counties.

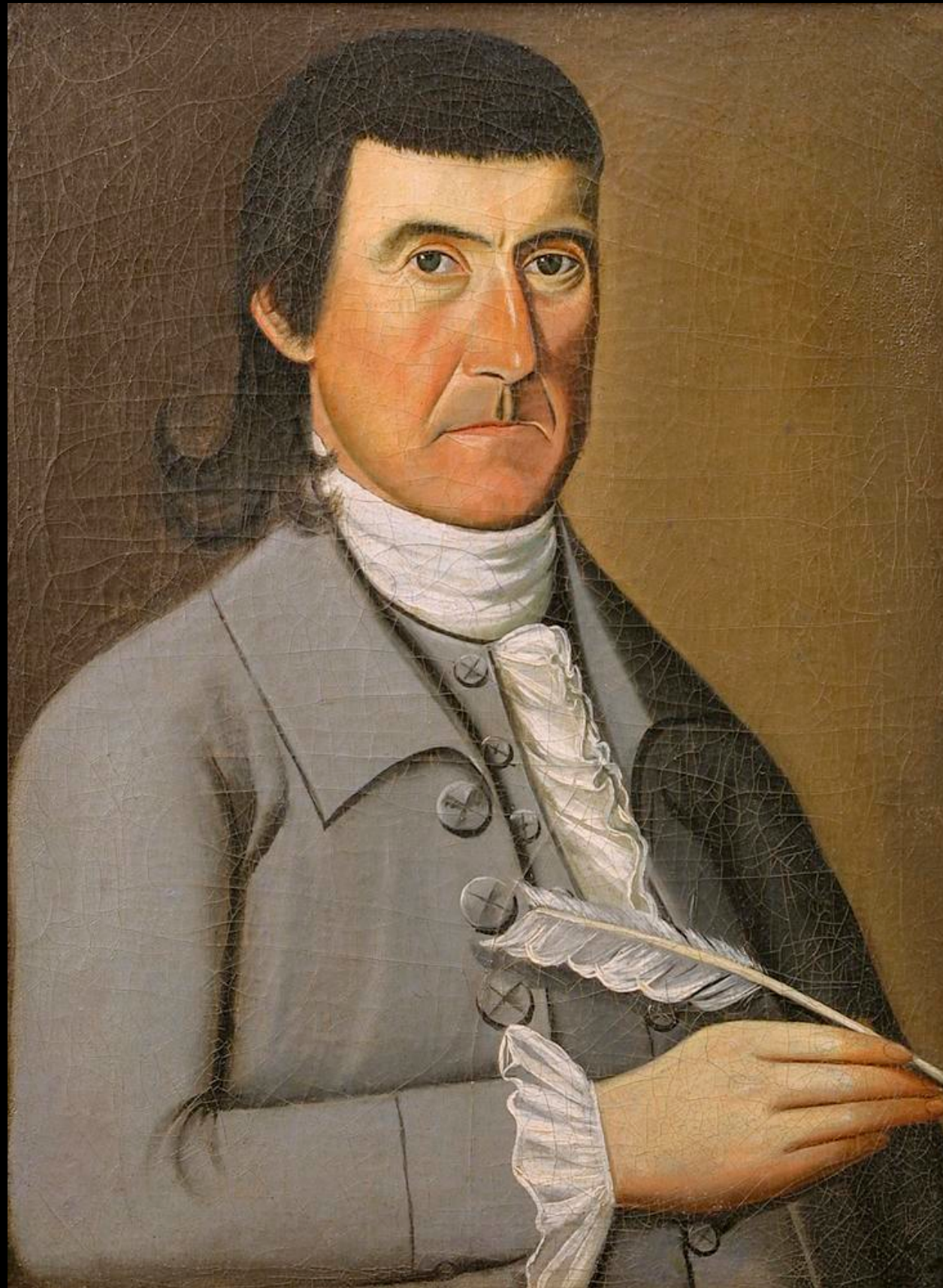
GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Newport, this Twelfth Day of June, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty, GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Great-Britain, and so forth, Annoq; Dom. One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-two.

J. WANTON.

By his Honor's Command,
HENRY WARD, Sec'y.

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G.

Governor Joseph Wanton Proclamation
Gaspee Burning Reward of 100 Pounds Silver for the "...perpetrators of such villainy"
(Newport Historical Society)



Governor Nicholas Cooke (1717 - 1782) - Governor of Rhode Island 1775
by John Greenwood (?)
(Brown University)



BRISTOL NECK Rhode Island 1765

“Bristol Neck, Rhode Island 1765”
(Library of Congress)

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THE
RIGHTS
OF
COLONIES
EXAMINED.

—FOR THE CHILDREN OUGHT NOT TO LAY UP FOR
THE PARENTS, BUT THE PARENTS FOR THE CHILDREN.
ST. PAUL.



PROVIDENCE:
PRINTED BY *WILLIAM GODDARD*.
M.DCC.LXV.

“THE RIGHTS OF COLONIES EXAMINED”
Stephen Hopkins

Armed Forces



Colonel William Barton
by James S. Lincoln
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Colonel Christopher Greene, 1st Rhode Island Regiment
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Major General Nathaniel Greene
by Charles Wilson Peale 1783
(National Portrait Gallery)



Major General Nathaniel Greene



à Paris chez l'Auteur rue des Maçons au N° 14.

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Major General Nathaniel Greene
 Engraved by Chevillet after Charles Wilson Peale c. 1780 - 1785
 (Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Brigadier General James Mitchell Varnum
by Charles Wilson Peale (painted 1802)
(Independence National Historic Park)



Leather Cap of the Newport Light Infantry
"PATRIA CARA CARIOR LIBERTAS" (Nation is Dear but Liberty Dearer)
c. 1774
(Smithsonian Institution)



The Cap Worn by Benjamin Carpenter when he was Killed at the Battle of Long Island
(Varnum Armory)



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(Varnum Armory)



Standard of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment
(State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations)



Belt Plate
Newport (Rhode Island) Artillery
(Bonhams - The William H. Guthman Collection)

Campagne du Vice-Amiral C.^{te} d'Estaing
en Amérique, Commandant une Escadre de
12 Vaisseaux de 4 Frégates sortis de Toulon
le 15 avril 1778
R.V.



L'Escadre Forçant l'entrée de la baie de Rhode-Island sous le feu des batteries.

après 9 jours de Statium en dedans de Rhode-Island, l'Escadre entre le 8 août dans cette baie par le Chenal au large du milieu, et va mouiller vis-à-vis Newport - hors de la portée des batteries, devant attendre le lendemain, contre cette Ville, les troupes arrivées avec les troupes américaines par les Bénévoles Américains.

1. le Langueador, à la tête dans l'angle de 4 Vaisseaux, franchit le Chenal.
2. Ville de Newport, sur Rhode-Island, dont l'approche est défendue par des Vaisseaux ennemis.
3. le grand vaisseau à deux batteries, le Général Rochambeau.

4. la Frégate anglaise le Rhin se croisant sur elle même.
5. deux le Port de Newport.
6. Batteries de terre situées sur la ligne française.

7. un bâtiment avec deux Vaisseaux de l'Escadre ennemie, sur le Chenal de l'ouest, arrivant avec deux Frégates et une.
8. l'Escadre anglaise se battant, au large des deux autres Vaisseaux.
9. mouillant au large du Chenal pour intercepter les troupes.

Entrance of the French Squadron into Newport Bay August 8, 1778
by Pierre Ozanne 1778



*The SIEGE OF RHODE ISLAND, taken from M^r. Brindley's House,
on the 25th of August, 1778.*

The Siege of Rhode Island August, 1778
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)

To Benjamin Mello Esq. Paymaster Genl.
of the Army in the State of Rhode Island
Sir, I beg to certify that Col. James Livingston's
Regiment five hundred and eighty three
Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and two pence
Am^t of Rations due the Regiment
from the 23^d of July to the 31^d of October
1778 inclusive as specified in the annexed
Abstract and this shall be your sufficient
Warrant. Given at Head Quarters Provi-
dence this 19th day of July 1779

By ~~the Hon^{ble} Command~~ J^{no} Sullivan
M^y Secy
Content in full per J^{no} Sullivan
19th July 1779

Order to the Paymaster
to pay to the Paymaster
the sum of Five hundred and
eighty three Pounds, Seventeen
Shillings and two pence
19th July 1779
N^o 200

Abstract of Parts of Rations Due to the Battalion
of Forces in the Service of the United States of America
Commanded by Col. James Livingston from the 23^d
July to the 31^d October 1778 Inclusive

To Rations, from the 23 ^d to 31 ^d July 1778 Inclusive	as per certificate from Bernard & Co. 66 ^l 10 ^s 4 ^d	10.4
To Rations, from the 1 st to 31 ^d Sept 1778 Inclusive	as per certificate from Bernard & Co. 98 ^l 5 ^s 8 ^d	98.5.8
To Rations, from the 1 st to 31 ^d Sept 1778 Inclusive	as per certificate from Bernard & Co. 20 ^l 13 ^s 9 ^d	20.13.9
To Rations, from the 1 st to 31 ^d Oct 1778 Inclusive	as per certificate from Bernard & Co. 306 ^l 8 ^s 3 ^d	306.8.3
Total		503.17.2

John Sullivan Secy

Providence 7th Jan^y 1779

Examined the Above Abstract for parts of Rations
and compared the same with the several former
issued certificates from which there appears
Due to Col. James Livingston's Reg^t for
parts of Rations Due the sum of five
hundred and eighty three pounds, Seventeen Shil-
lings & two pence as Above Specified

Benj. Mello Esq. Paymaster
Rhode Island Dept^y

Request for Payment for Col. James Livingston's Regiment While on Service in Rhode Island
July 23, 1778 - October 31, 1778

To Benjamin Mott Esq. Paymaster Genl.
of the Army in the State of Rhode Island
Sir, Pay Lt. Folberg of Lt. James Livingston
Regiment five hundred and eighty three
Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and two pence

Abstract of Parts of Nations Due to the Ballance
of Forces in the Service of the United States of America
Commanded by Col. James Livingston from the 23rd
July to the 31st October 1778 Inclusive

To Ballance, from the 23rd to 31st July 1778 Inclusive
as per article for Bernadine 66th am. 10.4

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James Sullivan

Request for Payment for Col. James Livingston's Regiment While on Service in Rhode Island
July 23, 1778 - October 31, 1778



United States Troops at Yorktown
by Jean - Baptiste de Verger 1781
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Rhode Island Soldier at Yorktown
by Jean - Baptiste de Verger 1781
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)

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