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The Breakdown of Authority and The Transfer of Power

- I. Initial Informal Breakdowns: From Tea to Coercive Acts
- II. The Rise of Provincial Assemblies in Response to The Coercive Acts
- III. The First Continental Congress, September, 1774
 - A. The Continental Association
 - B. Formation of Committees of Safety
- IV. Fighting Begins, April, 1775
- V. Olive Branch Petition, July, 1775
- VI. Second Continental Congress, May, 1775
 - A. Ask Provincial Assemblies to Form Constitutions, May, 1776
- VII. Subjectship vs. Citizenship

American Radicalism: A Revolutionary Tradition?

- I. Urban Discontent
 - A. Nash
 - B. Problems
- II. Rural Discontent
 - A. North Carolina Regulator Movement
 - 1. Battle of Alamance, 1771
 - 2. Representation and Taxation Issue
 - B. South Carolina Regulators, 1768-70
 - C. Paxton Boys, 1763-64
 - D. New York Rent Riots on the Hudson
- III. Points of Protest
 - A. Representation
 - 1. population
 - 2. geography
 - 3. both
 - B. Residence Requirement for Representation
 - C. Oppose Plurality
 - D. Favor Freehold Land Tenure

The Revolutionary War: I

I. General Characteristics

A. Two Sides Have Different Purposes

part true before 1778.

- 1. Americans want military victory for independence
- 2. British desire reconciliation
 - a. no fear of defeat--avoid embitterment

*ended first phase
2 wars - one lasted 1777
another 1777 on - estab
change in direction
after July 4.*

B. Opposition in Britain

didn't support am. war

- 1. condemned by Rockingham/Whigs and Chatamites as "George's War" minority
- 2. Why didn't the opposition succeed?
 - a. the two sides disagree

that skilled leader 1775-6 wanted to ret. to status - quo.

*b. North's weapon of patriotism to coerce independents

made concession

c. no convincing opposition leader

*Burke secondary figure
Cathart - Brit - not a speaker*

British not united - (over)

why didn't those against north succeed - Chatamite + Rockingham disagreed among themselves

Charles Fox - brilliant speaker - corrupt - general - no trust

majority of parliament - wanted to gain power - 220 - supported - needed more votes to continue Rev. War

North wanted to cont war until won.

C. never conserved in Am. Far more concerned
about French.

→ 1-manipulation of Am. by French & allied
British.