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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

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

b. North's weapon of patriotism to coerce independents

c. no convincing opposition leader

British not united (over)

C. England Always More Concerned about France

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

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

wanted to ret. to status - quo.

Charles Fox brilliant speaker - corrupt - gambler - no trust.

Burke secondary figure.

Crathen - Pitt - Fox

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 cons war in Am. Far more concerned
abt French.

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