"On the part of America, there was not the most distant thought of subverting the government or of hurting the interest of the people of Great Britain; but of defending their own privileges from unjust encroachment; there was not the least desire of withdrawing their allegiance from the common sovereign till it became absolutely necessary - and indeed, it was his [King George III] own choice." (*The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men,* May 17,1776)

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John Witherspoon was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, President of the future Princeton University and Presbyterian clergyman.