## Loyalists



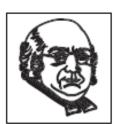
Name: Thomas Hutchinson

Occupation: governor of Massachusetts

Action taken: enforced Britligh laws like the Stamp Act

Argument against independence: The British king knows what is best for colonists because he has experience and wisdom.

Colonists living oversees should not expect to have the same freedoms that people in Great Britain have.



Name: Jonathan Boucher

Occupation: priest in the Church of England

Action taken: preached that disobeying the king was like disobeying

God

Argument against independence: A war for Independence would hurt people much more than living with a few bad laws would. The common people are not capable of ruling. British laws come from God and make life safer and easier for colonists.



Name: Lord Dunmore

Occupation: governor of Virginia

Action taken: attacked Patrioto' homeo and plantationo along the

Elizabeth River in Virginia

Argument against independence: Coloniete have a duty to obey British laws and not become traitors. Fighting for independence would hurt the economy and make coloniets poor. Great Britain started the colonies and still protects them so the colonists have a duty to obey British laws.

## **Patriots**



Name: Benjamin Franklin

Occupation: writer, printer, inventor, scientist, statesman, diplomat, colonial representative to British government

Action taken: tried to persuade Great Britain to stop making laws that the colonists thought were unfair

Argument for independence: The colonists have the ability to to govern themselves. Great Britain will keep making unfair laws. The colonists can no longer trust the British government.



Name: Mercy Otlo Warren

Occupation: writer and poet

Action taken: wrote plays and poems supporting independence

Argument for independence: Great Britain's laws and taxes are unfair. Colonial families have a hard time earning money and British goods are expensive. The colonies would be better off with their own

government



Name: Samuel Adams

Occupation: politician

Action taken: made speeches and wrote newspaper articles; helped organize the Sons of Liberty and led the Boston Tea Party to protest unfair British laws

Argument for independence: The colonists should be able to elect their own governors and to have the power to change unfair laws. Coloniete ehould not have to pay high taxes on British goods.