

The American Revolution 1754-1783

Question: What's the difference
between revolution and
rebellion?



The French & Indian War

- **Seven Years' War** in Europe extends to North American colonies
- Great Britain and France at war on two continents
- French allied with numerous NA tribes



The French & Indian War

□ Importance of three rivers
junction – near Pittsburgh

Role of **George Washington**

□ establish Ft. Necessity

□ capture Ft. Duquesne



Jacob Vannebrunne et Robert Scobe tous
deux capitaines, nous seront remis en otage
jusqu'à la venue de nos Canadiens et Français
et à fins mentionnées

nous nous obligeons de notre côté à
donner la carte pour retourner en sûreté les
dits officiers qui nous promettent nos
français dans deux mois et demi pour
le plus tard

fait double sur un des papiers de
notre blous a jour et au qui se fait

James Mackay Esq Washington

Coulonville

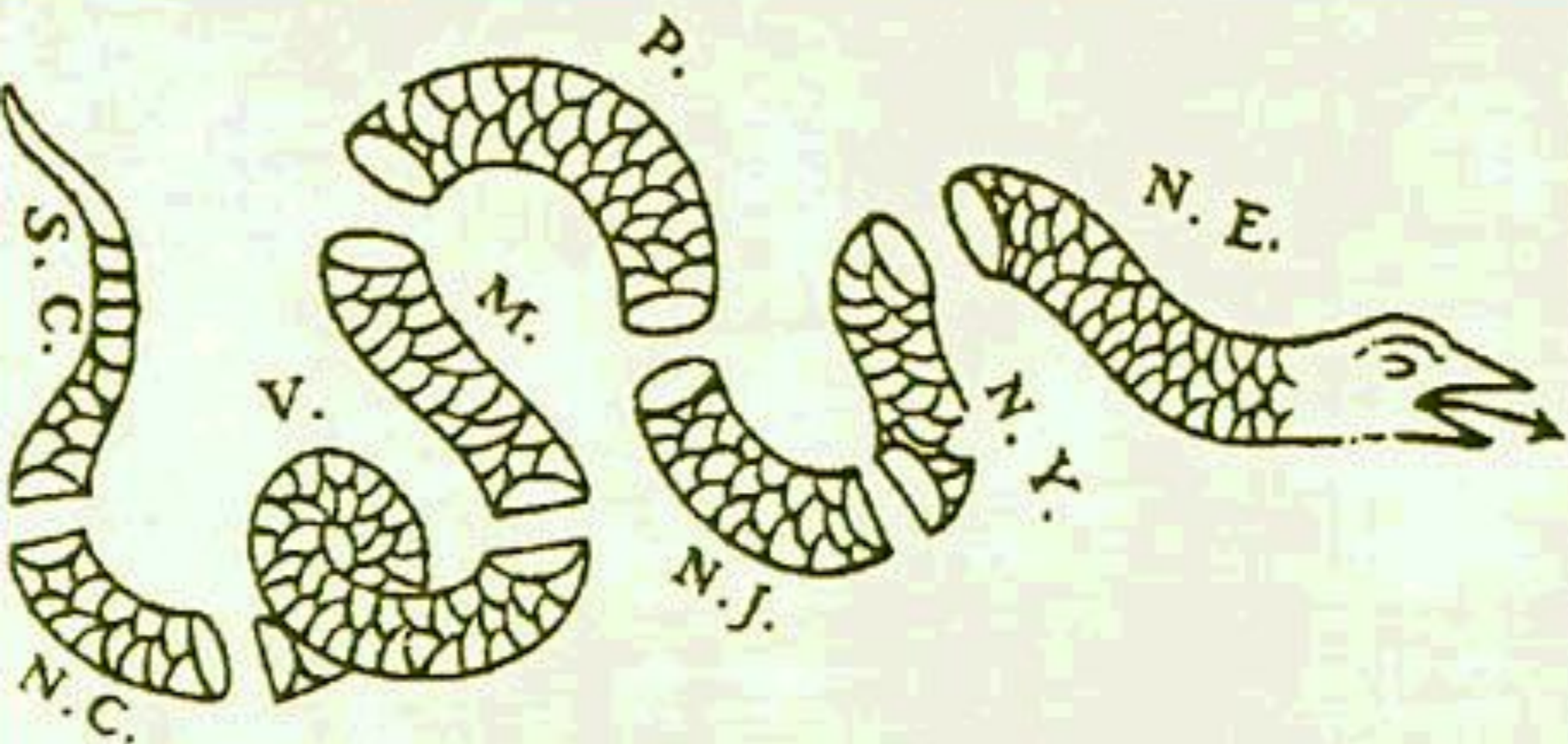
Capitulation... par le commandant...
troupes de la Baye... les...
des terres...
le 3 juillet 1764 huit heures du jour

Scavio
Comme notre intention ne
de troubler la paix et la liberté
que de quelques lettres des deux provinces
nous sommes pleinement de vous de passer
elle fut par votre nos officiers par
à vous l'union et par par l'union
suprême d'empire...
Les terres...
à ces Confiscations...
accordé...
dans le dit fort...
Article 9^e

nous accordons un commandement
de ce retour avec toute la
pour son retour...
pays et luy promet...

The French & Indian War

- **The Albany Plan** – Benjamin Franklin's plan of unity
- fails to unite the colonies
- why? (*think about the position of many of these "Americans"*)
- veto power to king



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British-American Colonial Tensions

Colonials

British

Methods of Fighting:

- **Indian-style guerilla tactics.**

- **March in formation or bayonet charge.**

Military Organization:

- **Col. militias served under own captains.**

- **Br. officers wanted to take charge of colonials.**

Military Discipline:

- **No mil. deference or protocols observed.**

- **Drills & tough discipline.**

Finances:

- **Resistance to rising taxes.**

- **Colonists should pay for their own defense.**

Demeanor:

- **Casual, non-professionals.**

- **Prima Donna Br. officers with servants & tea settings.**

The French & Indian War

The War Itself

- French and Indian tactics

- England in trouble

Role of **William Pitt** – PM 1757

- appoints James Wolfe to command

1757 → William Pitt Becomes Foreign Minister

He understood colonial concerns.

**He offered the Americans a
compromise:**

- Colonial loyalty and military assistance for a promise to reimburse colonies for costs.**

**RESULTS? → Colonial morale
increased by 1758.**

The French & Indian War

- **Battle of Quebec Sept. 1759**
- Wolfe's strategy – hit the roots not the branches
- Montcalm's mistake
- **Treaty of Paris 1763**





Effects of the War on Britain?

1. It increased her colonial empire in the Americas.
2. It greatly enlarged England's debt.
3. Britain's contempt for the colonials created bitter feelings.

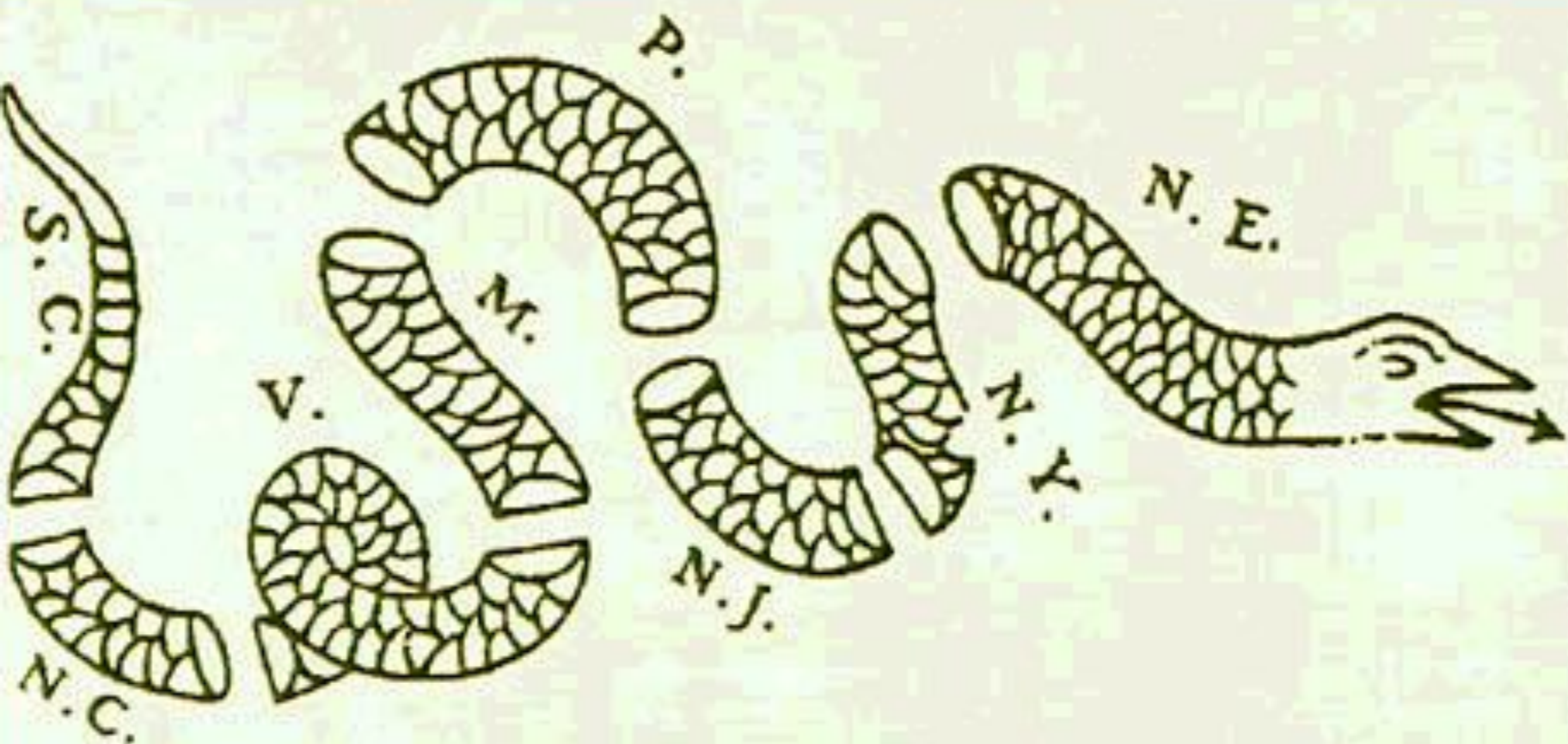


Therefore, England felt that a major reorganization of her American Empire was necessary!

Effects of the War on the American Colonials?

- 1.** It united them against a common enemy for the first time.
- 2.** It created a socializing experience for all the colonials who participated.
- 3.** It created bitter feelings towards the British that would only intensify.





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