

SEPTEMBER

## THE CONSTITUTION CONTINUE THE STORY

To understand the events of what has transpired here in America, one must go back in time to understand the people, the events, what drove them here in the first place, and finally ask yourself is it possible that Providence has a hand in all that transpired and does Providence have reason to care today?

Early immigrants were not much different than immigrants today, in that many wanted a new life where they could own property, practice their religion, enjoy economic prosperity, escape from political oppression and maybe even family. Sometimes crop failures played a big role.

No matter the reason, everyone sooner or later comes to realize that Freedom has attached to it, Responsibility. The greater the freedoms, the greater the responsibilities.

*“What was God’s purpose in establishing the United States Constitution? We see it in the doctrine of moral agency.”*

*- Dallin Oaks, Former Justice of the UT Supreme Court*

As for Providence, well take your time and learn from future entries, what role Providence played in the helping to secure the victories during the Revolutionary War for the 13 Colonies, and then later seeing the Colonist agreeing to the Constitution and Bill of Rights as they formed the new Constitutional Republic, we call The United States of America. Does Providence have reason to care today? You decide. If the simple answer is that we can be a force for good in blessing the world, to bring greater freedoms to all of Gods children, to live in Peace. Then yes, I would say that Providence cares today and will guide each of us in our journey.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

**What was the cause of the Continental Congress?** In 1774, the colonists met to discuss what was to be done in securing representation with Great Britain.<sup>1</sup> Britain’s taxes and treatments of the colonists under the **“Coercive Acts or Intolerable Acts”** was unbearable in the view of the colonists. Simply the Colonists wanted to meet, organize, and find a way for all of the colonies to reach agreement and to move forward in a unified manner. *Taxation without representation is key to the discussion, which many believed to be a right enshrined in the Magna Carta.*<sup>2</sup> The **Magna Carta (3:32)** has been at the core of the basis of most Government’s as a means to establish justice and in recognizing both rights and freedoms.

### What options did the first Continental Congress Consider?

- 1) Unifying as one body in carrying their grievances to Great Britain,
- 2) To seek a resolution with England,
- 3) Separation from Great Britain,
- 4) finding a means to communicate with both their own citizens and the rest of the world. Further insights.

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.mvorganizing.org/what-was-the-cause-and-effect-of-the-first-continental-congress/#What\\_was\\_the\\_cause\\_and\\_effect\\_of\\_the\\_First\\_Continental\\_Congress](https://www.mvorganizing.org/what-was-the-cause-and-effect-of-the-first-continental-congress/#What_was_the_cause_and_effect_of_the_First_Continental_Congress)

<sup>2</sup><https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/the-continental-congress>