

THE CONSTITUTION

“STATES ARE RISING”

The Revolutionary War (April 19th, 1775, to September 3rd, 1783), was actually a war on a global scale involving the American colonies (States) and the likes of Great Britain, France, Spain and the Netherlands. Each had a vested interest in the outcome, with the 13 colonies having the most to lose.

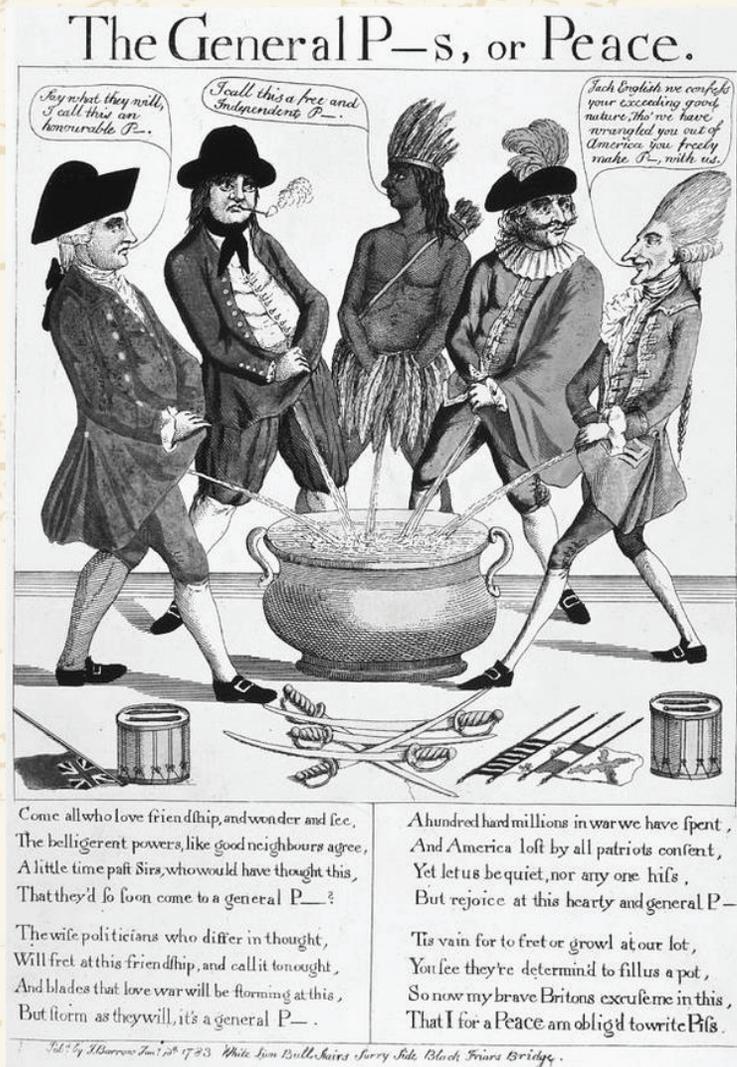
On September 3rd 1783 the **Treaty of Paris**¹ is signed, officially concluding the Revolutionary War with the British Recognizing American Independence. Within 4 years the US Constitution would be debated, with Ratification a year later in 1788 and implemented in 1789.

Political Cartoons of the time showed interesting perspectives regarding the signing of the Treaty. The shown cartoon was published by J. Barrow White Lion Bull Stairs, Surry side, Black Friars Bridge in 1783, Jany 16th.

The print shows five men, An Englishman, a Dutchman, a native representing America, a Spaniard and a Frenchman urinating into a pot. The Englishman says, “Say what they will, I call this an honourable P—,” The Native says, “I call this a free and Independent P—,” the Frenchman says, “Jack English we confess your exceeding good nature, tho’ we have wrangled you out of America you freely make P—with us.” Five swords, two drums, and the flags of the respective nations rest on the ground before the pot.

Having won the War, the Patriots would now be forced into creating a new nation, allowing for no excuses. A Constitution needed to be written. **Was the fight for Freedom, to secure the rights of governance, worth the expense of so many lives?**

Supreme Court Justice John Marshall will say 121 years later “**Ours is a constitution intended to endure for the ages to come, and consequently, to be adapted to the various crises of human affairs.**” Come along as we enjoy a review of history and look forward to a future, a future that was envisioned by our forefathers and made possible by your efforts today.



¹<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=6>