

RS#43: History Lab Document Log Answer Key

Overarching Question: Should the colonists have revolted against Great Britain?

Document Name: *Lord Dunmore's Proclamation*

Type of Document: *Primary source—Official British Proclamation*

Date of Document: *November 22, 1775*

Author of Document: *Lord Dunmore*

Author Information: *Lord Dunmore was the British appointed governor of Virginia from 1771-1776.*

Intended Audience: *Colonists, indentured servants and slaves living in the 13 Colonies*

Purpose for Writing: *To convince colonists, indentured servants and slaves to join the British Army and support Great Britain in the war.*

Does **Lord Dunmore** think the colonists should revolt against Great Britain?

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| <i>Lord Dunmore thinks that in order to restore peace to the colony, anyone going against Great Britain should be defeated.</i> |
| <i>He tells all men that are able to carry a weapon to join. If they do not, they will be looked upon as traitors.</i> |
| <i>He offers freedom to any slave or indentured servant that joins.</i> |

Author's Perspective: *Lord Dunmore wrote this proclamation to convince colonists to join the British army. He tells all men that are able to carry a weapon to join. He offers freedom to any slave or indentured servant that joins. Lord Dunmore proclaims that anyone who does not support the British in this revolution is committing treason and is a traitor to his country, Great Britain. Lord Dunmore does not agree with the colonists' revolt as he is building an army against them.*