



## RS#27: Lord Dunmore's Proclamation (Selected Paragraphs)

*Lord Dunmore's Proclamation was signed on November 7, 1775, by John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore, Royal Governor of the British Colony of Virginia.*

Lord Dunmore's Proclamation	Adapted Version
To defeat such treasonable Purposes, and that all such Traitors, and their Abettors, may be brought to Justice, and that the Peace, and good Order of this Colony may be again restored...	To defeat people that commit treason, to bring all <u>Traitors</u> and their Supporters to Justice, and to restore Peace, and good Order to this Colony...
...I do require every Person capable of bearing Arms, to resort to His MAJESTY'S STANDARD, or be looked upon as Traitors to His MAJESTY'S Crown and Government...	I do require every Person capable of bearing Arms, to join His MAJESTY'S ARMY, or be looked at as <u>Traitors</u> to His MAJESTY'S Crown and Government...
And I do hereby further declare all indentured Servants, Negroes, or others, free that are able and willing to bear Arms, they joining His MAJESTY'S Troops as soon as may be...	And I do declare all indentured Servants, Negroes, or others to be free if they bear Arms and join His MAJESTY'S Troops.

### Glossary

**traitor** – someone who goes against his/her government