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Guide to the

Petition to George III, King of Great Britain

1775

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Summary

Creator: United States.

Title: Petition to George III, King of Great Britain

Date: 1775

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Abstract: Manuscript petition (7 p.) signed by forty-six members of the Second Continental Congress on July 8, 1775, asking King George III to use his authority and influence to address grievances and restore harmony in the government's relations with the American colonies. The petition, drafted by John Dickinson, is considered the colonies' final effort to avert revolution against Great Britain. The document is also known as the Olive Branch Petition.

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Related Materials:

Reply to the Olive Branch Petition. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.
Richard Penn and Arthur Lee letters regarding the Olive Branch Petition. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Custodial History

Document held in the papers of the 2nd Earl Fitzwilliam (1748-1833, 4th Earl in the Irish peerage) and his descendants at Milton near Peterborough, England until sold at auction at Anderson Galleries, Inc., New York City, 1932.

Key Terms

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Colonies -- America -- Administration
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
United States -- Politics and government -- 1775-1783

Titles

Olive Branch Petition

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Petitions

Occupations

Politicians
Statesmen

Names

Dickinson, John, 1732-1808
George, 1738-1820 -- III -- King of Great Britain
United States. Continental Congress