

whereas George

Guelfphory of Great Britain &c

Elector of Hanover, heretofore entrusted with the exercise of the kingly Office in this government hath endeavored to pervert the same into a detestable & insupportable tyranny

1. by putting his negative on laws the most wholesome & necessary for the public good
2. by denying to his governors permission to pass laws of ~~the most~~ immediate & pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation for his ~~assent~~ ^{assent}, & when so suspended neglecting ~~to~~ ^{to} attend to them for many years:
3. by refusing to pass certain other laws, unless the persons to be benefited by them would relinquish the inalienable right of representation in the Legislature
4. by dissolving legislative assemblies ~~repeatedly~~ ^{repeatedly} & continually for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people:
5. when dissolved, by refusing to call others for a long space of time, thereby leaving the political system ~~in a state of dissolution~~ without any legislative body head.
6. by endeavoring to prevent the population of our country ~~by~~ ^{encouraging the importation of foreigners & raising the conditions of apprenticeships &c} ~~destroying the laws for the~~
7. by keeping among us in times of peace standing armies & ships of war
8. by affecting to render the military independent of & superior to the civil power
9. by combining with others to subject us to a foreign jurisdiction giving his ~~assent~~ ^{assent} to their pretended acts of legislation for imposing taxes on us without our consent
10. for quartering large bodies of armed troops among us & oppressing them ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~country~~ ^{country} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~means~~ ^{means} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~murder~~ ^{murder}
11. for obstructing our trade with all parts of the world
12. for imposing taxes on us without our consent
13. for depriving us of the benefits of trial by jury
14. for transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offences
15. for taking away our charters & altering fundamentally the forms of our governments
16. for suspending our own legislatures & declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever
17. by plundering our seas, ravaging our coasts, burning our towns, & destroying the lives of our people
18. by inciting insurrections of our fellow ~~citizens~~ ^{citizens} with the allurements of forfeiture & compensation
19. by prompting our negroes to rise in arms among us; those very negroes whom he hath ~~promised~~ ^{by an unchristian use of his negative} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~refuse~~ ^{refuse} ~~us~~ ^{us} ~~permission~~ ^{permission} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~exclude~~ ^{exclude} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~law~~ ^{law}:
20. by endeavoring to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian savages whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes, & conditions
21. by transporting at this time a large army of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation, & tyranny already begun ~~in~~ ^{with circumstances of cruelty & oppression} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~country~~ ^{country} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~hand~~ ^{hand} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~a~~ ^a ~~civilized~~ ^{civilized} ~~people~~ ^{people}
22. by answering our repeated petitions ~~for redress~~ ^{for redress} ~~with a repetition of~~ ^{with a repetition of} ~~the same~~ ^{the same} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~face~~ ^{face} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~obduracy~~ ^{obduracy} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~contumacy~~ ^{contumacy}
23. and finally by abusing the helm of government & declaring us out of their allegiance & protection
24. and by various other acts of tyranny too often enumerated to need repetition, and too cruel for the reflection of those who have felt them
25. by which several acts of misrule the said George ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~performed~~ ^{performed} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~kingly~~ ^{kingly} ~~office~~ ^{office} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~rendered~~ ^{rendered} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~necessary~~ ^{necessary} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~preservation~~ ^{preservation} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~people~~ ^{people} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~should~~ ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~immediately~~ ^{immediately} ~~deposed~~ ^{deposed} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~kingly~~ ^{kingly} ~~office~~ ^{office} ~~&~~ [&] ~~divested~~ ^{divested} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~privileges~~ ^{privileges} ~~powers~~ ^{powers} ~~&~~ [&] ~~prerogatives~~ ^{prerogatives}

And forasmuch as the public liberty may be more effectually secured by abolishing an office which all experience hath shown to be intolerably odious & impious, in which it is not only necessary to re-establish such ancient principles as are friendly to the rights of the people but also certain others which may be necessary to operate with & fortify the same in future