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This guide is an updated version of Mandy Banton's indispensable introduction to the records of British government departments responsible for the administration of colonial affairs, and now held in The National Archives of the United Kingdom. It covers the period from about 1801 to 1966. It has been planned as a user-friendly guide concentrating on the organisation of the records, the information they are likely to provide and how to use the contemporary finding aids. It also provides an outline of the expansion of the British empire during the period and discusses the organisation of colonial governments.

The Oxford History of the British Empire is a major new assessment of the Empire in the light of recent scholarship and the progressive opening of historical records. Volume I explores the origins of empire. It shows how and why England, and later Britain, became involved with transoceanic navigation, trade, and settlement during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Leading historians illustrate the interconnections between developments in Europe and overseas and offer specialist studies on every part of the world that was substantially affected by British colonial activity.

Period prints and drawings highlight a fascinating look back at what life was like in colonial America

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in 1776, exploring the ways in which children lived on a New England farm, a southern plantation, and on the frontier.

Canada and the British Empire traces the history of Canada within the wider context of British imperialism. Exploring themes such as migration, gender, imperial law, and aboriginal experiences, it sheds new light on the creation of Canada and the country's critical role in the evolution of the Empire.

Pirate Nests and the Rise of the British Empire, 1570-1740

Canada and the British Empire

Muse and Mentor

Canada Under British Rule 1760-1905

Magna Carta

This early work by Charles McLean Andrews was originally published in 1912 and we are now republishing it with a brand new introductory biography. 'The Colonial Period' is a history of life in America during British rule and the relationships between the colonies and the government. Charles McLean Andrews was born on February 22, 1863 in Connecticut, America. Andrews attended Trinity College in Connecticut in 1884 where he received his A.B., and following this he obtained his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1889. He was a professor at Bryn Mawr College (1889-1907) and Johns Hopkins University (1907-1910) before going to Yale University.

He was the Farnam Professor of American History at Yale from 1910 to his retirement in 1931. Andrews was one of the most distinguished American historians of his time and widely recognised as a leading authority on American colonial history. He is especially known as a leader of the 'Imperial school' of historians who studied, and generally praised, the British Empire of the 18th century.

This dissertation traces the developments of Palestine's law of proof under British rule to explore both the relationship between culture and the rules of evidence, and between law and British colonialism. The conventional wisdom has thus far been that evidentiary rules and legal procedures in the colonies were "anglicized" rapidly and comprehensively, stirring little or no controversy. Such assumptions, however, have until now gone untested. Using Mandate Palestine as a case study, this dissertation demonstrates that evidentiary reform in British dependencies was a great deal more involved and contested than previously assumed. Far from being "anglicized," Palestine's evidence rules maintained important distinguishing characteristics throughout the Mandate era. Incorporating insights from the political, intellectual and social history of the Middle East, the history and philosophy of science, and legal anthropology, this dissertation explores the factors that coalesced to shape Palestine's

unique rules of evidence between 1917 and 1939. Drawing on never before examined archival documents in English, Arabic and Hebrew, including official and personal correspondences, petitions, court records and memoirs, this dissertation provides a nuanced and multifaceted analysis of the creation of legal norms in the colonial context. The dissertation avoids reducing the nature and origin of colonial law to a single feature, exploring instead the ongoing interaction between factors: it analyzes legal debates as concurrently negotiations over national, ethnic and religious identity as well as opportunities to further personal, domestic or imperial interests; it views the colonial courtroom and legal system as simultaneously a site for establishing legitimacy, or furthering British control of the local population, as well as an arena for political contestation and resistance. Though focused in time, place and subject matter, the insights of this study bear directly on our broader understanding of the complex, multifactorial relationship between law and colonialism. The dissertation identifies three distinct phases in the evolution of evidentiary norms in interwar Palestine. The first, pre-1929 phase, is characterized by British attempts to emulate existing Ottoman and indigenous institutions. This attempt reflected a broader British policy of accommodating "custom" and traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, as part of

"Indirect Rule." The dissertation traces the cultural filters through which the British interpreted existing law, indigenous criminality and custom, as well as the social, religious and political grounds for Palestinian resistance to British legal reform. In the wake of the 1929 "disturbances," British anxieties concerning their ability to maintain order led to a new approach, which abandoned operation through traditional institutions. British officials instead aimed at founding the law of proof on purportedly universal principles of science and imported, common-law based legal codes. Yet in practice, evidence law remained marked by colonial difference: in Palestine the British applied experimental and imprecise forms of forensic science, still deemed unfit for English courtrooms. Limiting the availability of common-law procedural safeguards, they also curtailed defendants' ability to effectively challenge such evidence in criminal proceedings. Finally, the dissertation explores the role of law during the 1936 Arab Revolt. Rather than constraining the arbitrary use of emergency powers, legislation during this third phase was designed to mask and legitimate executive abuses and to evade the "rule of law." Experimenting with Palestinian law, British officials pushed the boundaries of common law doctrines governing martial law and administrative detentions, inventing a legal framework that would later serve them in

other parts of the Empire.

Contemporary scholars discuss the problems and structure of the Empire and the distinctive characteristics of colonial society and analyze the theories of earlier historians

Volume II of The Oxford History of the British Empire examines the history of British worldwide expansion from the Glorious Revolution of 1689 to the end of the Napoleonic Wars, a crucial phase in the creation of the modern British Empire. This is the age of General Wolfe, Clive of India, and Captain Cook. An international team of experts deploy the latest scholarly research to trace and analyze development and expansion over more than a century. They show how trade, warfare, and migration created an Empire, at first overwhelmingly in the Americas but later increasingly in Asia. Although the Empire was ruptured by the American Revolution, it survived and grew into the British Empire that was to dominate the world during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Series Blurb The Oxford History of the British Empire is a major new assessment of the Empire in the light of recent scholarship and the progressive opening of historical records. From the founding of colonies in North America and the West Indies in the seventeenth century to the reversion of Hong Kong to China at the end of the twentieth, British imperialism was a catalyst for far-reaching change. The Oxford

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**The Oxford History of the British Empire:
Volume II: The Eighteenth Century**

January December, 1919 (Classic Reprint)

Canada Under British Rule, 1760-1905

Defiance of the Patriots

If You Were There in 1776

1774

Indigenous Fijians were singularly fortunate in having a colonial administration that halted the alienation of communally owned land to foreign settlers and that, almost for a century, administered their affairs in their own language and through culturally congenial authority structures and institutions. From the outset, the Fijian Administration was criticised as paternalistic and stifling of individualism. But for all its problems it sustained, at least until World War II, a vigorously autonomous and peaceful social and political world in quite affluent subsistence — underpinning the celebrated exuberance of the culture exploited by the travel industry ever since.

This volume invites readers to explore the colonial history of Delaware, the first state to join

the United States. Readers will learn how Delaware switched hands between the Swedish and Dutch before falling under British rule. The text explores Delaware's rise to success as a coastal trading and manufacturing center, as well as the early rumblings of dissent with English Parliament. Students will gain an understanding of Delaware's role in the American Revolution and its long-awaited break from Pennsylvania to become its own colony-state, and eventually, its own state. This text, which is engaging and vivid, aligns with state and national social studies curricula. Primary sources, artwork, and maps supplement the text to support comprehension of major events and historical figures in Delaware's colorful history. This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1917 edition. Excerpt: ...it was natural that they should come into conflict with Frenchmen, who had entered the continent by way of the great river systems of the St. Lawrence and Mississippi, and who, though fewer than one-twentieth of the British, were endeavouring to control the whole vast area so easily reached by these magnificent waterways. Cut off from France by the navy of

Britain, Canada became a British dominion. In India, too, along with rivalries in trade there had been growing up a rivalry as to land conquest, but unsupported by a fleet the French aims came to nothing. At the end of the Seven Years War France was indeed allowed to retain her trading-stations, but the conquests passed to great Britain, and even the trading-stations became of less account as the great proportion of the trade naturally went to the neighbouring British ports. Thus by 1763, partly peacefully as colonies, partly as conquests, great areas of land had come under British rule, and the kingdom of Great Britain had become in effect the British Empire, while British trade was still increasing. But, just as mistakes were made when trade suddenly expanded at the time of the South Sea Bubble, so mistakes were made with regard to the government of the colonies. From the nature of the case these lands required more from Britain than they sent to Britain; there was always a balance of trade against them. In other words, energy was being drained away. This required to be made up in other ways. It was made up by trading illegally with the Spanish colonies to the south, and supplying them with much-needed products which they could not grow. Irritation was started by interfering with this arrangement, directly by forbidding the

illegal trade and stopping it by men-of-war, and indirectly...

At its peak, the British Empire spanned the world and linked diverse populations in a vast network of exchange that spread people, wealth, commodities, cultures, and ideas around the globe. By the turn of the twentieth century, this empire, which made Britain one of the premier global superpowers, appeared invincible and eternal. This compelling book reveals, however, that it was actually remarkably fragile.

Reconciling the humanitarian ideals of liberal British democracy with the inherent authoritarianism of imperial rule required the men and women who ran the empire to portray their non-Western subjects as backward and in need of the civilizing benefits of British rule. However, their lack of administrative manpower and financial resources meant that they had to recruit cooperative local allies to actually govern their colonies. Noted historian Timothy H. Parsons provides vivid detail of the experiences of subject peoples to explain how this became increasingly difficult and finally impossible after World War II as Africans, Asians, Arabs, and West Indians rejected the imperial notion that they were inferior and refused to be ruled by foreigners. Yet he also shows that the transformation of the British colonies into nation-

states was not just a transfer of political power. The new postcolonial societies blended British political, economic, and social institutions with local norms and values in the new nations, while mass migration to Britain from the non-Western parts of the Commonwealth created a much more diverse and plural metropolitan society. This book tells the dramatic story of how the British Empire and its demise accelerated and strengthened globalization by creating webs of commerce, migration, and cultural exchange that linked Britons and their former subjects in new ways and produced blended transnational cultures that were British in origin but no longer British in character or style.

The American Colonies and the British Empire, 1607-1783, Part I Vol 1

Colonial and Federal (Classic Reprint)

Norman's New Orleans and Environs

Evidence Rules of Colonial Difference

History of the Society of Jesus in North America, Vol. 2

The Oxford History of the British Empire: Volume I: The Origins of Empire

It's the late 1700s. Tensions are increasing between the American colonies and Great Britain. The Revolutionary War is about to begin. Will you: Fight for independence as a minuteman? OR Fight as a patriot soldier? OR Work to keep the colonies under

British rule? Author Elaine Landau invites readers to make the important decisions during the colonies first battles against the British.

An unravelling of the histories of two closely linked political goals - assimilation and empire - which were in many ways interdependent over the past 500 years. Examines the resilience of assimilative ideology across centuries, continents, and empires. Excerpt from Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, Vol. 53: January December, 1919 So when the Indian trails had served their purpose and the colonies began to expand and to seek intercourse with each other, those primitive paths were no longer sufficient, and broader, smoother. And better roads were demanded. But development was gradual under British rule, for the home government discour aged all intercourse between the colonies and strove to prevent manufacturing, wishing to reserve for its home merchants the profits of such trade. So down to the Revolutionary War our roads were little more than a broadening and smoothing of the old Indian trails, and those lead ing from one colony to another could hardly claim that distinction. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work,

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The History of Canada: Canada under British rule
Assimilation and Empire

The Boston Tea Party and the Making of America
Uniformity in French and British Colonies, 1541-1954

The Hessians and the Other German Auxiliaries of
Great Britain in the Revolution

A study of the neotraditional order under British
colonial rule prior to World War II

An Empire on Trial is the first book to explore the issue of interracial homicide in the British Empire during its height - examining these incidents and the prosecution of such cases in each of seven colonies scattered throughout the world. It uncovers and analyzes the tensions of empire that underlay

British rule and delves into how the problem of maintaining a liberal empire manifested itself in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The work demonstrates the importance of the processes of criminal justice to the history of the empire and the advantage of a trans-territorial approach to understanding the complexities and nuances of its workings. An Empire on Trial is of interest to those concerned with race, empire, or criminal justice, and to historians of modern Britain or of colonial Australia, India, Kenya, or the Caribbean. Political and post-colonial theorists writing on liberalism and empire, or race and empire, will also find this book invaluable.

How the imposition of Crown rule across the British Empire during the Age of Revolution corroded the rights of British subjects and laid the foundations of the modern police state. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the British Empire responded to numerous crises in its colonies, from North America to Jamaica, Bengal to New South Wales. This was the Age of Revolution, and the Crown, through colonial governors, tested an array of coercive peacekeeping methods in a desperate effort to maintain control. In the process these leaders

transformed what it meant to be a British subject. In the decades after the American Revolution, colonial legal regimes were transformed as the king's representatives ruled new colonies with an increasingly heavy hand. These new autocratic regimes blurred the lines between the rule of law and the rule of the sword. Safeguards of liberty and justice, developed in the wake of the Glorious Revolution, were eroded while exacting obedience and imposing order became the focus of colonial governance. In the process, many constitutional principles of empire were subordinated to a single, overarching rule: where necessary, colonial law could diverge from metropolitan law. Within decades of the American Revolution, Lisa Ford shows, the rights claimed by American rebels became unthinkable in the British Empire. Some colonial subjects fought back but, in the empire, the real winner of the American Revolution was the king. In tracing the dramatic growth of colonial executive power and the increasing deployment of arbitrary policing and military violence to maintain order, *The King's Peace* provides important lessons on the relationship between peacekeeping, sovereignty, and political subjectivity—lessons that illuminate

contemporary debates over the imbalance between liberty and security.

Annotation Olson (history, U. of Maryland) argues that, until the eve of the revolution, the British crown could rule its American colonies peacefully with so few administrators because an extensive network of voluntary interest groups, tying the colonies and London, allowed colonists a measure of influence over the central government. Annotation c. by Book News, Inc., Portland, Or.

Volume I of The Oxford History of the British Empire explores the origins of empire. It shows how and why England, and later Britain, became involved with transoceanic navigation, trade, and settlement during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. As late as 1630 involvement with regions beyond the traditional confines of Europe was still tentative; by 1690 it had become a firm commitment. The Origins of Empire explains how commercial and, eventually, territorial expansion brought about fundamental change, not only in the parts of America, Africa, and Asia that came under British influence, but also in domestic society and in Britain's relations with other European powers. The chapters, by leading historians,

**both illustrate the interconnections between developments in Europe and overseas and offer specialist studies on every part of the world that was substantially affected by British colonial activity. Their analysis also focuses on the ethical issues that were presented by the encounter with peoples previously unknown to Europeans, and on the ways in which the colonists struggled to justify their conduct and activities. Series blurb The Oxford History of the British Empire is a major new assessment of the Empire in the light of recent scholarship and the progressive opening of historical records. From the founding of colonies in North America and the West Indies in the seventeenth century to the reversion of Hong Kong to China at the end of the twentieth, British imperialism was a catalyst for far-reaching change. The Oxford History of the British Empire as a comprehensive study allows us to understand the end of Empire in relation to its beginnings, the meaning of British imperialism for the ruled as well as the rulers, and the significance of the British Empire as a theme in world history. Women of Colonial and Revolutionary Times; Catherine Schuyler
Would You Fight for Independence?**

The Long Year of Revolution

Common Sense

The Revolutionary War

The Second British Empire

Addressed to the Inhabitants of America, on the Following Interesting Subjects, viz.: I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in General, with Concise Remarks on the English Constitution. II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession. III. Thoughts on the Present State of American Affairs. IV. Of the Present Ability of America, with some Miscellaneous Reflections

Analyzing the rise and subsequent fall of international piracy from the perspective of colonial hinterlands, Mark G. Hanna explores the often overt support of sea marauders in maritime communities from the inception of England's burgeoning empire in the 1570s to its administrative consolidation by the 1740s. Although traditionally depicted as swashbuckling adventurers on the high seas, pirates played a crucial role on land. Far from a hindrance to trade, their enterprises contributed to commercial development and to the economic infrastructure of port towns. English piracy and unregulated privateering flourished in the Pacific, the Caribbean, and the Indian Ocean because of merchant elites' active support in the North American colonies. Sea marauders represented a real as well as a symbolic challenge to legal and commercial policies

formulated by distant and ineffectual administrative bodies that undermined the financial prosperity and defense of the colonies. Departing from previous understandings of deep-sea marauding, this study reveals the full scope of pirates' activities in relation to the landed communities that they serviced and their impact on patterns of development that formed early America and the British Empire.

This first part of an eight-volume reset edition, traces the evolution of imperial and colonial ideologies during the British colonization of America. It covers the period from the founding of the Jamestown colony in Virginia in 1607 to 1764.

One of the most famous revolutions in history, the American Revolution (1775-1783) was the political upheaval in which 13 distinct colonies in North America banded together to cast off British rule, forming the United States of America. After the shot heard round the world on April 19, 1775, at the Battle of Lexington, the colonies sent representatives to the Second Continental Congress, the new states joined together at first to defend their respective self-governance and manage the armed conflict against the British known as the Revolutionary War (1775–83, also American War of Independence).

Ultimately, the states collectively determined that the British monarchy, by acts of tyranny, could no longer legitimately claim their allegiance. They then severed ties with the British Empire in July 1776, when the

Congress issued the Declaration of Independence, rejecting the monarchy on behalf of the new sovereign nation separate and external to the British Empire. Of course, the colonial forces still had to defend against the British attempts to subjugate them militarily, and given the British Empire's supremacy on both land and sea, this would be a lot easier said than done. The war ended with effective American victory in October 1781 after Yorktown, followed by formal British abandonment of any claims to the United States with the Treaty of Paris in 1783. The British relied heavily on mercenaries, none more despised or feared than the Hessians. Although largely forgotten today other than the fact that some Hessians fell victim to George Washington's surprise attack on Christmas Day in 1776, they were an important part of the Revolution. Edward J. Lowell wrote an account of the Hessians' participation in the Revolution.

1607 - 1763

The British Empire in the Nineteenth Century

An Interactive History Adventure

The King's Peace

London and American Interest Groups, 1690-1790

Law and Order in the British Empire

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Pre-University Paper from the year 2020 in the subject History - Africa, grade: 15 Punkte, , language: English, abstract: This paper gives a summarized overview on how the British rule has affected Kenya and its society. The British Empire is known for being the biggest empire the world has ever seen. In 1922, 458 million people lived under the rule of the British crown, more than 20 % of the world's population. Originally, the British were not among the first European nations to discover our planet. Portugal and Spain acted as pioneers in the 15th and 16th century, discovering the world and building great empires that boosted their economies. The British, along with other European countries such as France and the Netherlands, started to follow this example. During the 17th century, the British Empire established colonies in North- and Central America and Asia. Driven by commercial interests, the British also wanted to dominate the African continent, which was widely recognized as being extremely rich in resources. The first

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regions were mainly controlled by companies and businessmen who were widely independent of the crown. The crown soon took over controlling the economic side of things. At first, those colonies were self-managing; the British designated African tribe leaders who controlled the procedures. But the exploitation of resources was not the only economic factor. European nations captured many indigenous people and sold them as slaves on the American continent. During the 19th century, the British started to expand inwards and discovered many opportunities for agricultural projects that could benefit the European market. Competition aroused as many nations fought for land and resources. Excerpt from History of the Society of Jesus in North America, Vol. 2: Colonial and Federal This volume of Jesuit history covers more than a century of missionary activity in North America. It extends from the time of Cromwellian disturbances in the middle of the seventeenth to the period of the American Revolution in the eighteenth century. At this latter date, French Canada had come under British rule; the Society of Jesus was temporarily suppressed; and revolution severed the English colonies from Great Britain. In the growing settlements which were

destined to become the United States of America, the history of Jesuits was that of the nascent Catholic Church. No other body of Catholic clergy, secular or regular, appeared on the ground till more than a decade of years had passed after the American Revolution. The field of missionary labour during colonial times comprised Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York. The operation of many cramping agencies, which were at work to stop the growth of Popery and to restrain Jesuits, imparted to this story of religious development a form peculiar to the colonies. It was not that of a missionary body founding institutions, expanding them, and enjoying the breath of popular sympathy or the favour which Government showed to certain religious societies. The conditions of existence for Catholic missionaries were those of being scarcely able to obtain a footing, or of being suffered to breathe. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing

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This thrilling book tells the full story of the an iconic episode in American history, the Boston Tea Party-exploding myths, exploring the unique city life of eighteenth-century Boston, and setting this audacious prelude to the American Revolution in a global context for the first time. Bringing vividly to life the diverse array of people and places that the Tea Party brought together-from Chinese tea-pickers to English businessmen, Native American tribes, sugar plantation slaves, and Boston's ladies of leisure-Benjamin L. Carp illuminates how a determined group of New Englanders shook the foundations of the British Empire, and what this has meant for Americans since. As he reveals many little-known historical facts and considers the Tea Party's uncertain legacy, he presents a compelling and expansive history of an iconic event in America's tempestuous past.

An Empire on Trial

The Colonial Period

Containing a Brief Historical Sketch of the Territory and State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans, from the Earliest Period to the Present Time

Identity, Legitimacy and Power in the Law of Mandate Palestine, 1917-1939

Geography and World Power

Its Progress and Expansion at Home and Abroad, Comprising a Description and History of the British Colonies and Dependencies

In recent years historians of the American Revolution have become increasingly convinced that political ideas, rather than material interests, were what ultimately led American colonists to fight for independence from Great Britain. During the years preceding the Revolution, Americans explained their resistance to British rule in principled terms. They understood liberty to be something real, valuable, and seriously threatened by British actions that were not merely impolitic but fundamentally unjust.

American statesmen contended that certain basic principles had to rule governments, and they developed careful, complex arguments to persuade others, in the colonies and in Britain, that the British government was violating these principles to an extent that prudent, well-informed citizens could not allow. The American Revolution and the Politics of Liberty is a systematic account

of the political thought of the leaders of the American Revolution. In his first six chapters, Robert H. Webking analyzes in turn the ideas of James Otis, Patrick Henry, John Dickinson, Samuel Adams, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. Webking examines the political contributions of each of these men and explicates the assumptions and implications of their arguments against the British. He explains their ideas about the goals of American politics, the methods that ought to be used to reach those goals, and the circumstances that would make revolution just and prudent. In the ensuing chapters Webking presents an overview of the political thought behind the American Revolution based on his analysis of these six political leaders. He addresses the average colonial American's level of political sophistication, the American conception of liberty and its importance, and the American perception of the British threat to that liberty. The thinkers that Webking studies are recognized now, as they were in their time, as the major figures in American Revolutionary thought. The principles that they discussed, refined, and implemented continue to serve as the foundation for American government. The American Revolution and the Politics of Liberty offers a complete and sophisticated understanding of the contribution these leaders made to American politics. The Revolutionary War An Interactive History Adventure Capstone

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In this original and important book, Mary Beth Norton's first in more than fifteen years, she looks at the sixteen months during which the traditional loyalists to King George III began their discordant 'discussions' that led to their acceptance of the inevitability of war against the British Empire and to the clashes at Lexington and Concord in mid-April, 1775. Drawing extensively on pamphlets, newspapers, and personal correspondence, Norton reconstructs colonial political discourse as it happened, showing the vigorous campaign mounted by conservatives criticizing congressional actions. But by then it was too late. In early 1775, governors throughout the colonies informed colonial officials in London that they were unable to thwart the increasing power of the committees and their allied provincial congresses. Although the Declaration of Independence would not be formally adopted until July 1776, Americans, even before the outbreak of war in April 1775, had in effect "declared independence" by obeying the decrees of their new provincial governments rather than colonial officials.

Of northern European nations, the British had the greatest impact on the Americas. Their history there embraces far more than the colonies that became the United States: England had been in the New World for a century before those colonies were established, and the British presence long

outlived their loss. This integrated account of that involvement spans the entire arc of British territories from the Caribbean to Canada, and the entire period from the first appearance of the English to the disintegration of the British and other Euro-American empires. A fascinating story, engrossingly told, it fills a major gap in current historiography.

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The Eve of the Revolution

The Generall Historie of Virginia, New
England & the Summer Isles

In the Crucible of the Twentieth Century

A Chronicle of the Breach with England

Race, Murder, and Justice under British Rule,
1870–1935