

# The Shot Heard Around The World

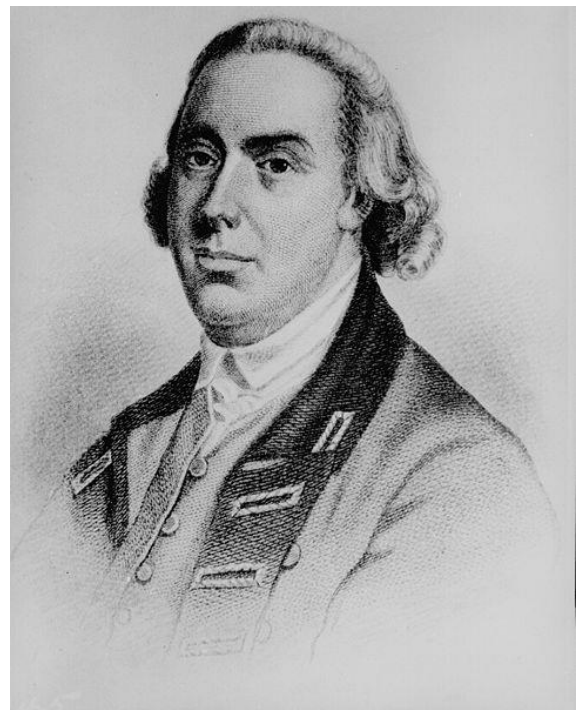
# England's Reaction to the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress' Demands

- When King George III received the hand-delivered message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress, he had no intention of giving in.
  - *What does this mean for the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress?*
- Instead of compromising with the colonies, the King sent hundreds of British military troops to the colonies!!
  - *HOWEVER, knowing what happened at the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress meeting, what does King George III not know?*
    - That the colonies have started training Minutemen to fight back.....

# And Shots Are Fired...WAR!

- British General Thomas Gage started hearing that Massachusetts Patriots were collecting illegal amounts of weapons.
  - The Minutemen were collecting weapons just in case....
- These weapons were supposedly being kept in a town called Concord, Massachusetts.
- Note that Concord is 20 miles outside of the city of Boston.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_KOu09z\\_GA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_KOu09z_GA)



Concord, Massachusetts – the location where the Minutemen were hiding the illegal weapons. *(It's still there today!!!)*



# April 18, 1775

- General Gage believed the rumors and immediately sent 700 British soldiers to Concord to seize the weapons, and to arrest any colonists guarding them.
- What General Gage didn't know was that the Patriots had already created secret communication systems to prepare for possible British military attacks!
  - *What was the name of the trained militia in each colony?*
    - The Minutemen
- This day marked the first day of the American Revolution.



**"One, if by land; and two, if by sea."**

Paul Revere – lived right behind the Old North Church



The actual lantern used in the Old North Church to announce the British were coming on April 18, 1775.





# The Message is Dispatched

- Paul Revere and William Dawes both rode from Boston to Concord to warn the Minutemen and any other Patriots willing to fight.
  - *Why did TWO men go send the message to the same place?*



- Paul Revere and William Dawes took two different routes to Concord, in case they got caught.
  - Paul Revere – the direct route
  - William Dawes – the longer route
- False – “The British are coming!”
- False – “The Redcoats are coming!”
- **What was actually said: “The Regulars are out!”**
- Paul Revere got to warn Samuel Adams and a few other Patriots before he got caught by the British on the way to Lexington.
- Revere never made it to Concord to warn the Minutemen.
- William Dawes was the one to make it to Lexington to warn the Minutemen. So why is Paul Revere more famous??????

- The Minutemen were ready.
- Five miles outside of Concord, in a small town called **Lexington**, 77 Minutemen were waiting for the British soldiers.
- The British soldiers ordered the Minutemen to drop their weapons and return home to their families.

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# The Shot Heard Round the World

- No one to this day knows which side fired the first shot.
- This shot was the **FIRST SHOT** of the American Revolution.
- To this day, it is called, “The shot heard round the world.”
  - *What does this mean?*
- Eight Patriots died immediately, the first war casualties.