

American Setbacks

The Americans suffered two major setbacks from 1779 to 1781, including:

- The **betrayal of American General Benedict Arnold** (*next two slides*) against Washington and the Continental Army.
- The **British take over the South - Georgia by early 1779, and South Carolina in May 1780.**
 - It happened because Washington directed most of his troops up

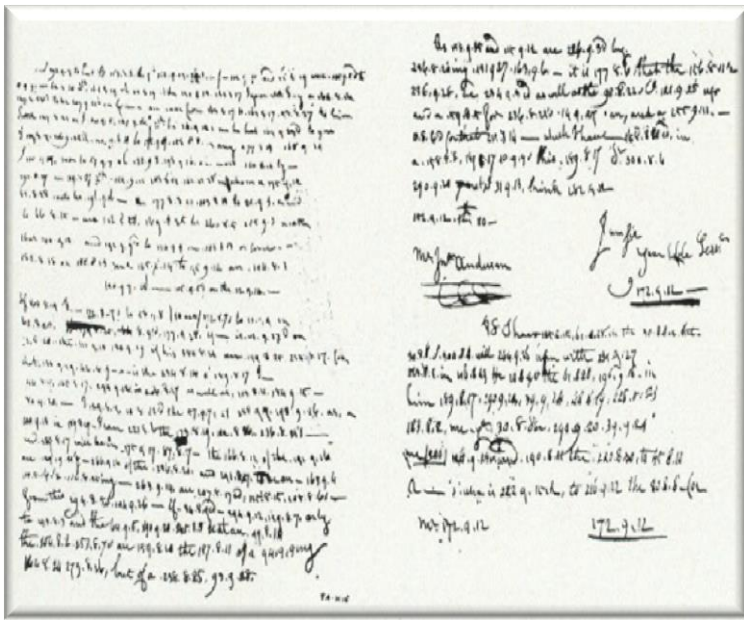


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In 1780, General Benedict Arnold (feeling underappreciated and lured by British gold) turned traitor by plotting with the British to sell out General Washington and help Britain instead.

Benedict Arnold

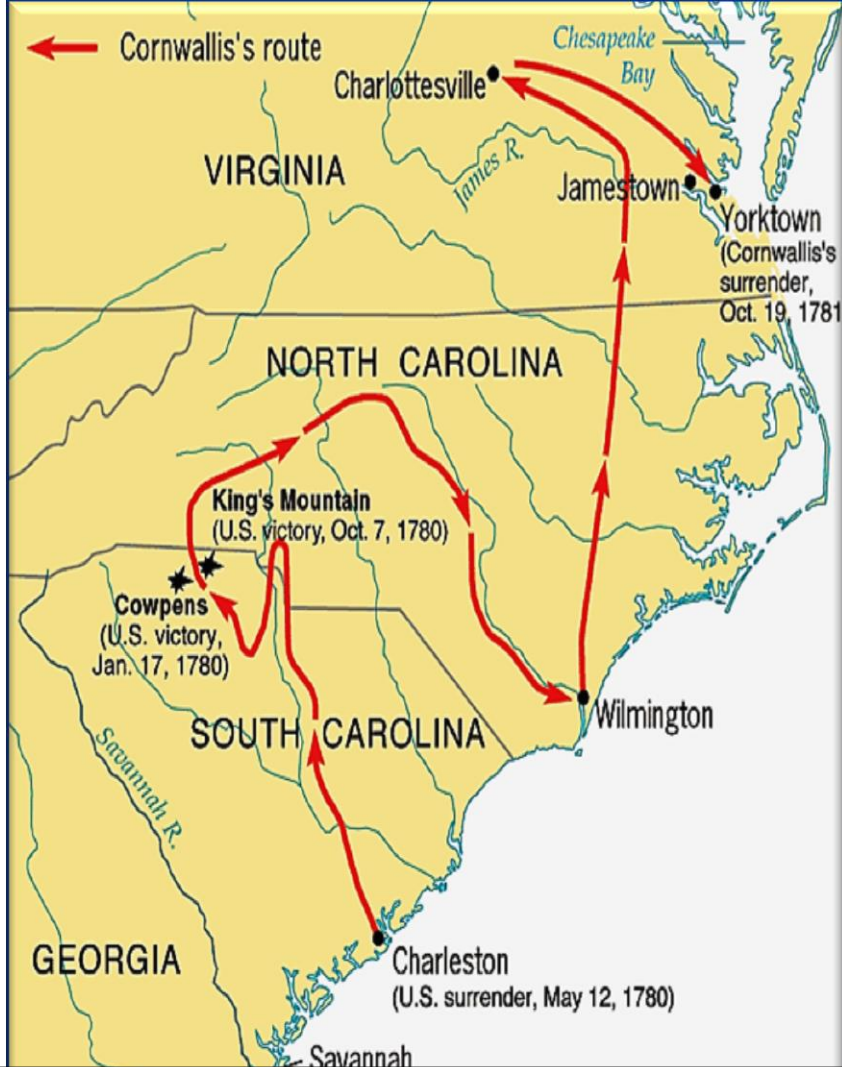


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“Whom can we trust now?”
-George Washington

When the plot was discovered, Arnold fled with the British



Britain thought that there were more Loyalists in the South to help them.



Southern resources were more valuable & worth saving.

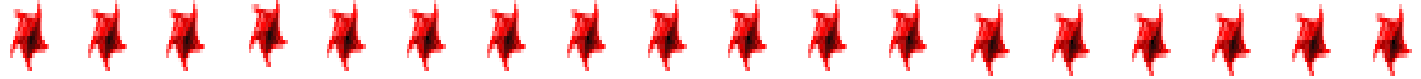
The British took over the colonies in the South because they thought this would weaken the Continental Army.

Battle for the South

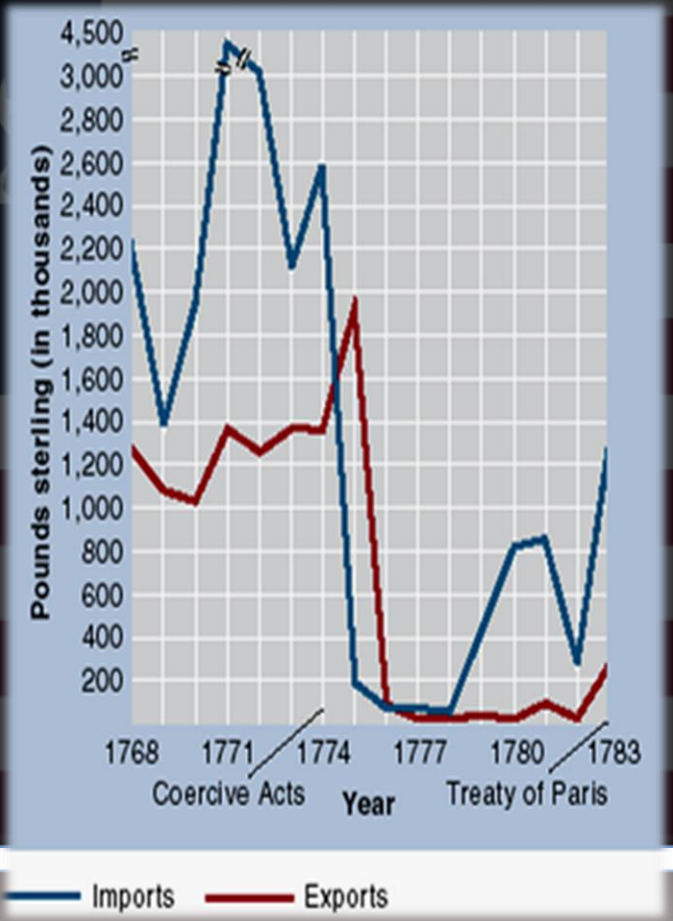
Battle of Cowpens:

- Under the command of Nathanael Greene, the Continental Army scored a victory against the British at Cowpens, South Carolina, on January 17, 1781.
- The Americans killed many British troops, and **the battle was a turning point in the war's Southern campaign.**





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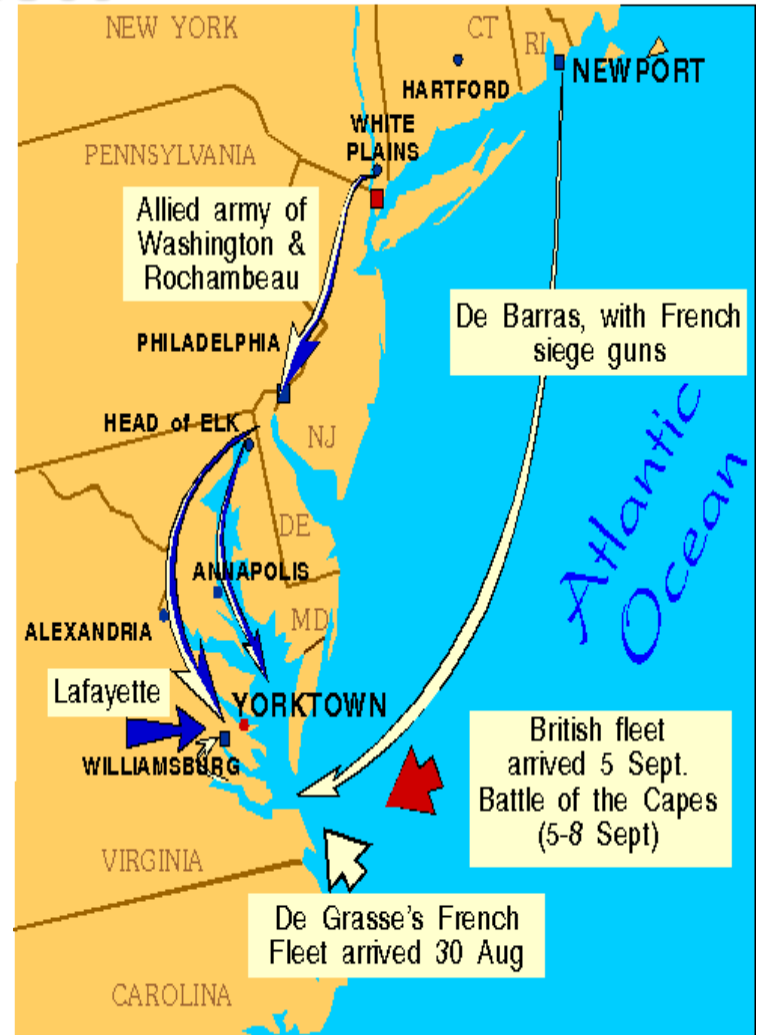


1768-1783



The Last Battle: Battle of Yorktown

- *Can anyone remember who was America's main ally during the revolution?*
 - **FRANCE**
- **Washington was promised by Lafayette** – the French commander – **that a large fleet of French ships would be arriving to Virginia** (*America had no navy!*).
- Washington saw this as his chance to finally take down British General Cornwallis, and possibly end the whole war.



The End: Battle of Yorktown

- After losing at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina, Cornwallis and his British troops moved north toward Virginia.
- Unfortunately, Cornwallis had no idea that MOST of Washington's army and the French were already located up there..... 😊
- Cornwallis did not know that by the time he would get up there, his British ships would be trapped and surrounded by the French navy ships.
- Cornwallis was heading into a trap, and he didn't even know it!!!