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Quotes by influential colonists concerning the rebellion

George Washington

"What a triumph for the advocates of despotism, to find that we are incapable of governing ourselves and that systems founded on the basis of equal liberty are merely ideal and fallacious."

Abigail Adams in a letter to Thomas Jefferson about the rebellion

"Ignorant, restless deperadoes, without conscience or principles, have led a deluded multitude to follow their standard, under pretense of grievances which have no existence but in their imaginations."

Samuel Adams

"Rebellion against a king may be pardoned, or lightly punished, but the man who dares to rebel against the laws of a republic ought to suffer death."

Farmers Rise Against Policies Led By Daniel Shays

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For those that are ill- informed, we just ended a war. Ever since the end of the revolutionary war it's left post-war depression on everyone, but especially veterans and farmers. In western Massachusetts, their harsh government policies, and lack of hard currency have made it nearly impossible for Americans to pay off their debts and tax obligations. Aside from Americans not being able to pay their debts, the government couldn't either. Lenders from the previous war were expecting payment, but the government had no money to give them. In recent years, debtors demanded state laws for protecting, but they had no laws to help them. This infuriated Americans in their state governments lack of action. So, they rebelled.



Just two days ago, the nation was at its feet. The new nation was breaking itself from the inside out. Daniel Shays led a rebellion of 1400 men toward Springfield, with the object of obtaining weapons and heading for Boston to overthrow the government. Meanwhile General Lincoln with a militia of 4400 men, paid for by the wealthy merchants of Boston, approached from the east. And General Shepard commanded 1200 men at the Springfield Armory. Shays and his men took a stand in front of the armory. General Shepard had his men fire warning shots above the Regulators' heads, but the rebels did not budge. Then the General ordered cannons to be fired at "waistband height" and grapeshot sprayed from a howitzer. Four of the Regulators died and twenty were wounded.

Shays' army & two other factions retreated to small towns.

Farming news

As we are about to enter spring, there's high hopes for a bountiful harvest season. We should be seeing fertile grounds, and have a productive year for harvesting.

Monthly horoscopes Ares, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, and Libra

Aries Horoscope MAR 21 – APR 19

Instead of just assuming that everyone else has goals similar to yours today, take the time to ask them what they actually want.

Taurus Horoscope APR 20 – MAY 20

You might resist participating in the starry-eyed schemes of others today.

Cancer Horoscope JUN 21 – JUL 22

Managing your emotions is harder than it looks, especially while the receptive Moon is swimming through moody Cancer.

Leo Horoscope JUL 23 – AUG 22

Your financial plans require another review today because your previous assessment may have been overly optimistic

Virgo Horoscope AUG 23 – SEP 22

You are most likely operating under unrealistic expectations about a relationship

Libra Horoscope SEP 23 – OCT 22

Although you may be hesitant to share your feelings today, keep in mind that your words will convey more power than you actually intend.

Meanwhile, General Lincoln decided to pursue them at night through a snowstorm. Through the cold night, they captured some of the regulators. Many, including Daniel Shays, slipped away, to New Hampshire and Vermont, where they hid from a certain death sentence.

A interview with Eric smith, a militia men, under General Shepard at the spring field armory

I sat down with Eric Smith, he fought under General Shepard at the spring field armory.

"So, Mr.Smith, what's your opinion about this whole rebellion?"

"Um, so I can kind of understand why they did it. It's been rough for everyone since the war ended. I mean would I do it? Probably not. I was told to defend my country and I did just that, even if it's against my own people."

"Mr.Smith, are you a victim of not being paid what you've been promised by the government?"

" Actually yes, they have missed a few of my monthly payments, but I trust in my government that they will get my money to me eventually."

"Well, thank you Mr.Smith for sitting down with me, I hope to have as much patriotism as you one day"

Authors Note

In my humble opinion I believe that this rebellion needed to happen. We just won a war, and we need our newfound government to support us, and defend us, like we did it. Do I think we needed to rebel yes, but not try to take down the government. I agree in a way with Samuel Adams, he says "the man who dares to rebel against the laws of a republic ought to suffer death" I think they should suffer, but not in the way of death. Yes, they should be punished for taking up arms, and shutting down court houses. But I do think they they were rebelling in good spirit, they were showing the government they weren't going to take being mistreated. I think it did its job, there's talk of a new document, to replace the mistakes of the Articles of Confederation. I only hope this is true, and we can finally get this nation going.