# The Independence Of Colonies Gained Over Great Britain

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the Minute Man." "…Our country calls for swords and musket balls, and drums aloud does rattle. Our fifers charm 'arise to arms', Liberty calls 'to battle'", which shows that they were willing to go to war and battle for their country's liberty.