

Declaration of Independence Chiasm

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- A-1** WHEN in the Course of *human Events*,
A-2 it becomes necessary for *one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another*,
B(1) and to assume among the Powers of the Earth,
B(2) the *separate and equal Station*
B(3) to which the *Laws of Nature and of Nature's God* entitle them,
C(1) a decent *Respect to the Opinions of Mankind* requires that they should declare
C(2) the *causes which impel them*
C(3) to the *Separation*.
D-1 WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that *all Men are created equal*, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness--
D-2 That to secure these Rights, *Governments* are instituted among Men,
D-3 deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed,
E-1 that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends,
E-2 it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, lying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form,
E-3 as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.
F-1 Prudence, indeed, will dictate
F-2 that Governments *long established*
F-3 should *not be changed for light and transient Causes*;
G-1 and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to *suffer, while Evils are sufferable*,
G-2 than to right themselves by *abolishing the Formes to which they are accustomed*.
H-1 But when a *long Train*
H-2 of *Abuses and Usurpations*,
I(1) pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a *Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism*,
I(2) it is their *Right*, it is their *Duty*
I(3) to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.
I(1) Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies;
I(2) and such is now the Necessity which constrains them
I(3) to alter their former Systems of Government.
J-1 The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations,
J-2 all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.
K-1 To prove this, let *Facts be submitted*
K-2 to a candid World.

OBSERVATION:

Elements **A** through **K** and **K'** through **A** (going into and coming out of the list of grievances) apparently have at least two components each. They are laid out in the following pattern: first is *one* doublet parallel (**A-1,2**), then come *two* groupings of three (**B(1-3)** and **C(1-3)**), next come *three* triplet parallels (**D-1,2,3**; **E-1,2,3**; **F-1,2,3**), then come *two* doublet parallels (**G-1,2**; **H-1,2**), followed by *one* doubled grouping (**I(1-3)**), concluding with *two* doublet parallels (**J-1,2**; **K-1,2**). Put simply, this pattern is as follows:

1,2,3,2,1,2.

Following this pattern, the next set could either be 1 or 3. Accordingly, **L** is arranged as *one* doublet and **L'** is arranged as *three*.

List of Grievances

- L-1** HE has refused his Assent to Laws,
L-2 the most wholesome and necessary for the *public Good*.
M HE has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has *utterly neglected* to attend to them.
N HE has called together Legislative Bodies at Places *unusual, uncomfortable, and distant* from the Depository of their public Records,
O for the sole Purpose of *fatiguing them into Compliance* with his Measures.
P-1 HE has *dissolved Representative Houses* repeatedly,
P-2 for opposing with manly Firmness his *Invasions on the Rights of the People*.

- Q** HE has refused for a long Time, after such *Dissolutions*, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the **Dangers of Invasions from without, and Convulsions within.**
- R** HE has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for *Naturalization of Foreigners*; refusing to pass others to encourage their *Migrations* hither, and raising the Conditions of *new Appropriations of Lands*.
- S** HE has obstructed the Administration of *Justice*, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing *Judiciary Powers*.
- T** HE has made *Judges* dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices,
- U** and the Amount and Payment of their *Salaries*.
- V** He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and *sent hither Swarms of Officers*
- W** to *harass our People*, and eat out their Substance.
- X** HE has *kept among us*, in Times of Peace, *Standing Armies*, without the consent of our Legislatures.
- Y** HE has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.
- Z HE has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution,**
- Z' and unacknowledged by our Laws;**
- Y'** giving his Assent to their Acts of *Pretended Legislation*:
- X'** FOR *quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us*;
- W'** FOR protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any *Murders* which they should *commit on the Inhabitants* of these States:
- V'** FOR cutting off our *Trade* with all Parts of the World:
- U'** FOR imposing Taxes on us without our consent:
- T'** FOR depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of *Trial by Jury*.
- S'** FOR transporting us beyond Seas to be *tried* for pretended Offenses:
- R'** FOR abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and *enlarging its Boundaries*, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for *introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies*:
- Q'** FOR *taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments*.
- P-1'** FOR *suspending our own Legislatures*,
- P-2'** and *declaring themselves invested with Power* to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
- O'** HE has *abdicated Government* here,
- N'** by *declaring us out of his Protection* and waging War against us.
- M'** HE has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People. He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.
- L-1'** HE has *constrained* our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas
- L-2'** to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.
- L-1'** HE has *excited*
- L-2'** *domestic Insurrections* amongst us,
- L-1'** and has *endeavoured*
- L-2'** to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

K-1' IN every stage of these Oppressions we have *Petitioned for Redress*

K-2' in the most humble Terms:

J-1' Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury.

J-2' A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant,

I(2)' is *unfit*

I(3)' *to be the Ruler of a free People*.

I(1)' NOR have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren.

H-1' We have warned them from Time to Time

H-2' of Attempts by their Legislature to extend and unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us.

G-1' We have reminded them of the Circumstances

G-2' of our *Emigration and Settlement* here.

OBSERVATIONS PERTAINING TO LIST OF GRIEVANCES:

In the first half of the list of grievances (in the ascending leg of chiasm up to the focal point) each sentence begins with the statement, "HE has." Then from that point the descending leg of the chiasm from the focal point) the sentences begin with the statement, "FOR." This continues until **P-2'**, after which, the sentences once again begin with "HE has." This transition is signaled by element **P'** having two components (**P-1** and **P-2**) while the ones preceding from **Y'** to **Q'** have only one component.

F-1' We have appealed to their *native Justice* and *Magnanimity*,

F-2' and we have conjured them by the *ties of our common Kindred*

F-3' to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence.

E-1' They too have been deaf

E-2' to the Voice of Justice

E-3' and of Consanguinity.

D-1' We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind,

D-2' Enemies in War,

D-3' in Peace, Friends.

C(2)' WE, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS, Assembled, *appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions*,

C(1)' do, in the Name, and *by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies*, solemnly Publish and Declare,

C(3)' That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, *FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES*; that they are *absolved* from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally *dissolved*;

B(2)' and that as *FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES*,

B(1)' they have full Power

B(3)' to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which *INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do*.

A-1' And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of *divine Providence*,

A-2' we *mutually pledge to each other* our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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Constitution of the United States of America

A We the people of the United States,

B in Order to form a more perfect
Union,

C establish Justice,

D insure domestic Tranquility,

E provide for the common
defence,

D promote the general Welfare,

C and secure the Blessings of Liberty
to ourselves and our Posterity,

B do ordain and establish this
Constitution

A for the United States of America.

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