

Family Matters

November 21, 2013



Arguments have always been in session. In response some sides put on acts or laws intolerable to the other side. In our case the argument has been within our family. Meaning Britain, because ever since we set foot on our North American soil they've put laws on us. Well what did we expect them to do? During the French and Indian war Britain gave us the protection we needed. Then as a response they put a small tax on us to maybe gain a little money back. They acted like paying taxes was problem for them, but were still paying taxes today. We did not ask for protection, but they were our mother country. They weren't just going to sit back and watch us get attacked.

After departing from Britain all we have done is create mostly because we don't want to pay taxes and follow laws. Some started wanting independence and to cause a war we weren't ready to fight. First we didn't have a military. We also had no budget and no help from other countries. We did not have the provisions we needed either. So Thomas Paine got us all pushed us towards war we statistically could not fight. In "*Plain Truth: A Response to Common Sense*" by James Chalmers. In Chalmers' article his main argument was if we were to go to war right now we would basically be attending our own funeral.

In Rev. Charles Inglis' article his response to *Common Sense* he says, "If we have we have any common sense at all we should stop now, because I see no common sense here." When the Second Continental congress was debating on the decision to declare independence, John Dickinson gives a strong opinion in the matter. He wanted to get through to congress that we need not to split because nor are we ready for war, but we are being foolish in jumping into things. He also gave the valiant point that what if we gain independence what's to say that the colonies become separate nations.

So although we could have gained independence the king could have done numerous punishments if we were to fail. One would be treason, meaning committing wrong doing against one's own country. The king could have placed stricter laws on the colonist. So there would have been innumerable kinds of punishments the king could have done towards the colonists.

John Dickinson presented that argument concerning the fact that if we were to gain independence we won't have a government therefore there won't be anyone to stop the colonies from separating (Dickinson pg.2). That is Dickinson's part in the argument. James Chalmers main argument was if we were to go to war we would be attending our own funeral due to the lack of provisions on our side. So due to the arguments presented in this paper and the consequences following declaring independence the colonist were not justified in declaring independence from Great Britain.