

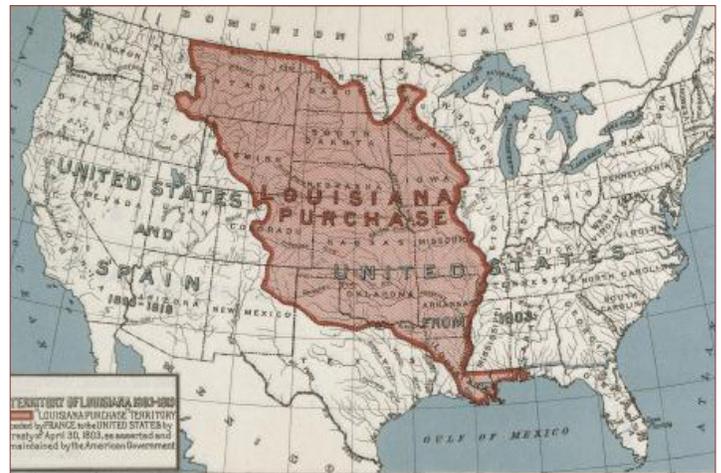
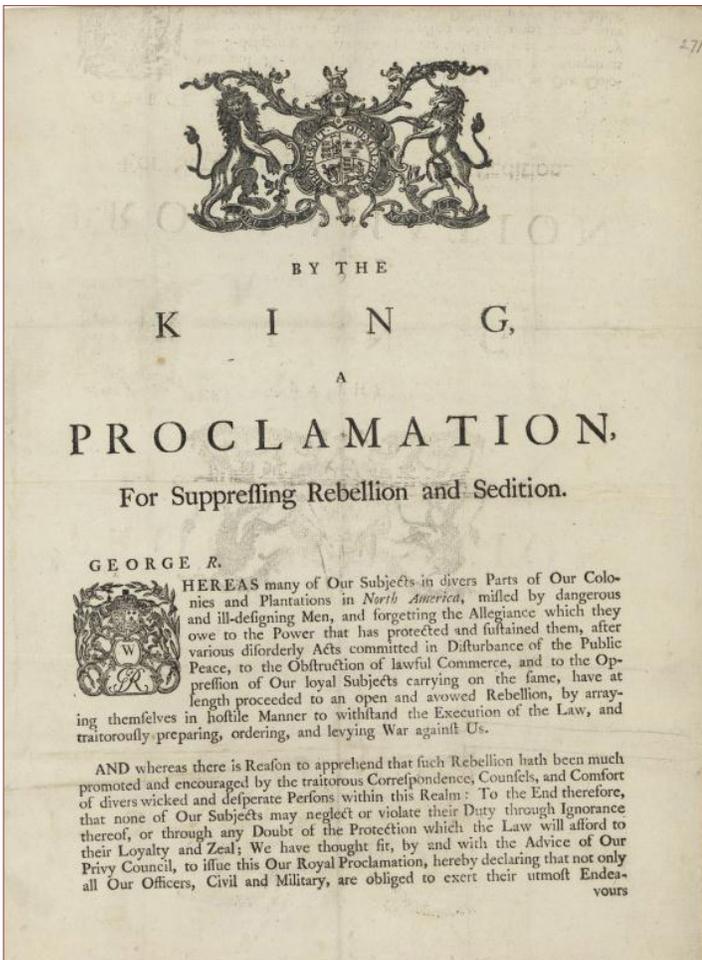
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Chartering Freedom

Exhibition Overview: The simple truth at the heart of the American Revolution is that people are born with certain natural rights, including “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” These and other rights of the American people are secured by this nation’s founding documents, known collectively as the Charters of Freedom: the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

The documents reproduced in this exhibition chronicle the creation of the Charters and their impact on events in this country and around the world. They reveal the story of earlier generations of Americans who had both the vision to see a better world and the audacity to build it.



Exhibition Details

Content:

30 framed facsimile documents, text and graphic panels, and labels

Curator:

Alice Kamps, Curator, National Archives, Washington, DC

Supplemental Materials:

Educational and promotional resources

Rental Fee:

\$2,500 for 7-week display

Security Requirements:

Limited security & environmental controls

Shipping:

Exhibitor is responsible for outgoing shipping costs

Size:

130 linear feet

Number of Crates:

2

Insurance:

Insured by the National Archives

Tour Dates:

"Chartering Freedom" will be available for tour 2016 through 2019. Dates are subject to change.

Project Status:

In development

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More About this Exhibition

"Chartering Freedom" is an exhibition featuring reproductions of the Charters of Freedom and other milestone documents that chronicle the conception, creation, and implementation of the Founding Fathers' vision.

- The challenge facing Americans was to translate the guiding spirit of the Revolution—beliefs in political self-determination and personal liberty—into a viable, durable scheme of government.
- The Declaration announced to the world in 1776, that 13 British colonies in North America were leaving Great Britain. In justifying revolution, it gave voice to the ancient longing of the human soul—for freedom.
- The Constitution, drafted in 1787 after a hard-won victory in the War for Independence, codified the spirit of the Revolution into an ingenious practical scheme of government to promote the welfare of its citizens.
- The Bill of Rights, added to the Constitution in 1791 as the first 10 amendments, explicitly protected freedom of speech, of the press, of religion, and of assembly, among many other freedoms.

These documents represent a monumental achievement of the nation's Founders, who believed their cause held the promise of liberty for all mankind. The principles established in the Charters have bound the nation together through more than two centuries of growth and turmoil.

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