

The Com^{ee} of the whole Congress to whom was referred the resolution and
~~upon~~ the Declaration respecting independence. 17

Resolved That these ^{united} colonies are and of right
ought to be free and independant 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

Report & July 2. 1776
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