Duke of Gloucester Street Williamsburg, Virginia &
North King St Boston, Massachusetts
June 1776

Dear Sirs:

So pleased were we with the work of your illustrious firm in the previous matter undertaken on our behalf, we have yet another request. All of the information you provided was of the utmost help in drafting the attached document, which we have come to name the Declaration of Independence.

For some reason, despite the obvious brilliance of the document, there are those not yet willing to accept its terms and affix their signatures. This is where we are in need of your help. Please be so kind as to dispatch one of your teams of agents to persuade our illustrious brethren that this indeed is a landmark creation worthy of their unqualified support! Reassure the nay-sayers, ridicule those who fear the inconvenience of being hanged, call their patriotism into question if necessary!

One last item, if you please. It is imperative that we have this matter resolved no later than 4 July, some three weeks hence. We have already decided this will be a day for future generations to celebrate with parades, fireworks and speeches. We would so hate to disappoint the children.

We look forward to your favourable reply.

Your obedient servants,