

A. In a war between England and France, in the reign of William and Mary, all the colonies north of Pennsylvania suffered severely, being involved in the attempt of the English to conquer Canada from the French.

Q. In what way did this war most distress the colonists?

A. The principal means of annoyance, on the part of the French, were by exciting the northern Indians to make depredations on the defenceless inhabitants; keeping the whole country in a state of alarm. Many of the towns were burnt, and the inhabitants carried into savage captivity.

Q. What produced the war which ended in the establishment of the independence of the colonies?

A. The British government taxed the colonies against their will. This gave rise to discontent and jealousy, which spread with great rapidity through the country.

Q. Where was the commencement of hostilities?

A. The first battle was fought at Lexington, Massachusetts, in April, 1775.

Q. What was the duration of the war?

A. It was just eight years from the time the first blood was spilt at Lexington, until peace was proclaimed in the American army.

Q. Who was placed at the head of the American army.