



Pulling down a statue of King George III, 1776. Differences between Britain and the colonies had become increasingly divisive after the last of the wars with France had ended, and, by 1775, fighting between British troops and American patriotic forces were

increasing. Resentment and hostility toward the "Mother" country and all things British led to the destruction of symbols of British royal authority. A New York City mob is shown pulling down a statue of King George III in 1776.