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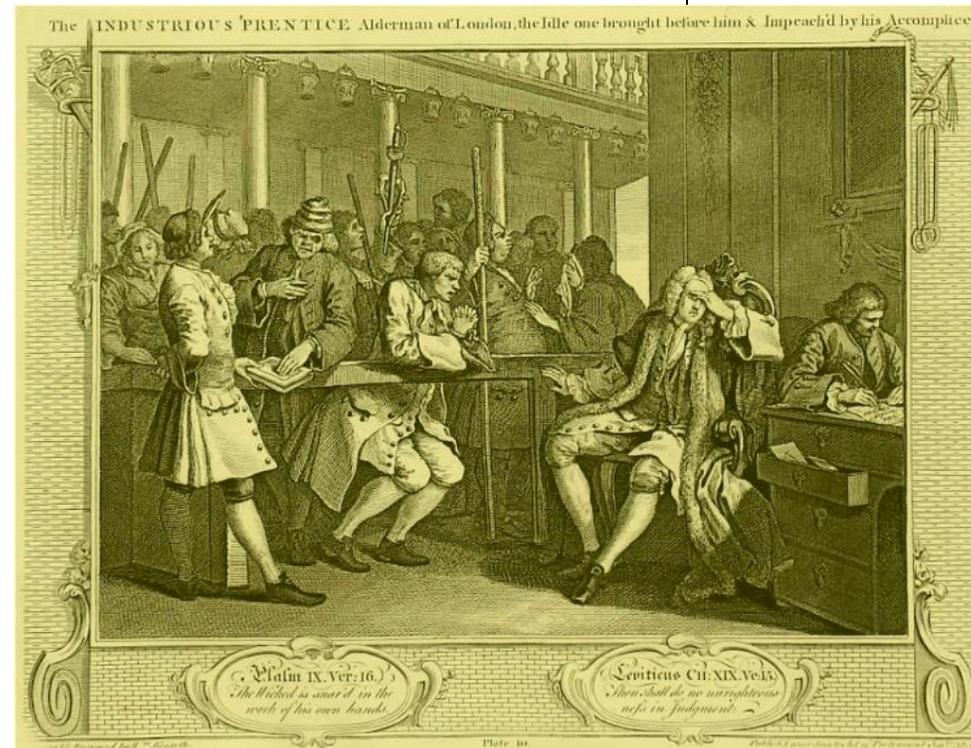
Misprision of Treason

There were two types of people who advocated loyalty to King George III and Great Britain between 1775 and 1783: Loyalists and

into great depth at this time. Suffice it for me to note that Loyalists went about their lives quietly. They sometimes just moved away from their

homes and families without fanfare. They moved to the unclaimed regions in the Midwest, north into Canada or across the Atlantic to Great Britain.

The Tories, on the other hand, were not content with going away quietly. They remained at their homesteads and engaged in harassing their neighbors. An ACT declaring what shall be treason, and what other crimes and practices against the state shall be misprision of treason was passed on 1 February 1777. The Act endorsed the arrest of



Tories. In prior newsletters, I have commented on these two groups who remained loyal during the American Revolutionary War and so I will not go

Tories, who by their action were guilty of misprision of treason.

In October 1777 the first arrests were made in Bedford County for the crime of misprision of treason. According to a letter sent on 8 October 1777 by Captain Thomas Paxton to William Parker, Colonel of the First Battalion of the Bedford County Militia:

I take this opportunity to let you know that a certain Benjamin Right that lived in Wood Cock Valley was apprehended and brought before me one of the Justis of the Peas for the Common Welth of Pennsylvania, and was duly sworn that Capt'n Joshua Davis ~ 1 Leutenant Mori Cain ~ 2 Leutenant Mickal Skeley and Jacob Shoup ~ 1 Shargin Thomas Miller ~ 2 Shargin Gasber Miller ~ 1 Corpal Thomas Cheventon ~ 2 Corpal John Cheventon ~ 3 Corpal Benjamin Right

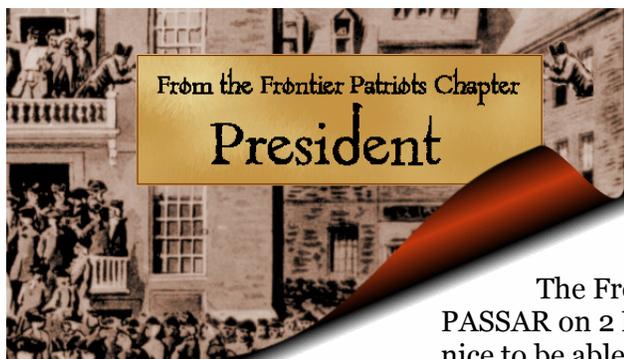
The Benjamin Right Declares upon oath that the persons whose names I have menched hear has bound them selves to a oath to be true to King George the Third and will do everything they can against the

Freedom of America and sworn a number of persons to joyn them in this traitorous conspiracies.

The eight men and Captain Joshua Davis paid recognizances of £100 each to the Bedford County Court. [A 'recognizance' is a conditional obligation undertaken by a person before a court. It is an obligation of record, entered into before a court or magistrate, whereby the party bound acknowledges that they owe a personal debt to the state. A recognizance is subject to a 'defeasance'; that is, the obligation will be avoided if person bound does some particular act, such as appearing in court on a particular day, or keeping the peace.]

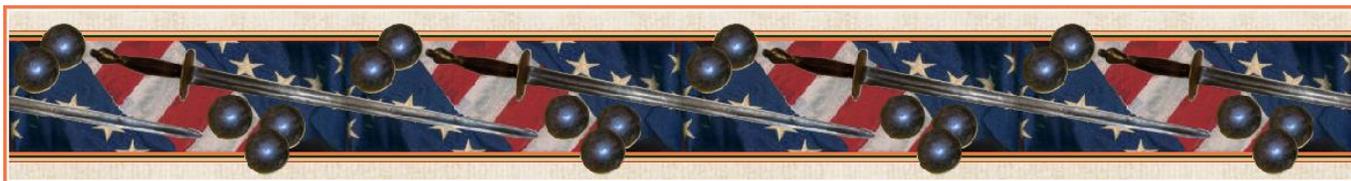
In regard to Captain Davis and the others, nothing further was recorded in the Bedford County Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace dockets.

Joshua Davis, who had previously served as the Captain of a company of the Bedford County Militia was removed from that position.



The next meeting of the Frontier Patriots Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at Hoss's Steak & Seafood Restaurant, Bus. 220, Bedford, PA on Saturday, December 14, 2019 starting at 12 Noon.

The Frontier Patriots Chapter hosted a Quarterly Meeting of PASSAR on 2 November 2019. The event was very enjoyable and it is nice to be able to meet our Compatriots from across the state. If you were unable to attend the event, please try to attend one in the future. You are welcome to attend any meetings that you wish. One in your own back yard, though, is so convenient if you can't travel. We will probably be hosting another PASSAR meeting in four years (2023), so think about it until then.



Sign Installed

At Entrance To Phillips' Rangers Memorial



The sign was finally installed today (22 November 2019) at the entrance to the access road leading to the memorial to the 1780 Phillips' Rangers Massacre (*aka* Captain Phillips' Rangers Memorial). SKE Design of Everett, PA constructed and installed the sign. Prior to this, the access road that stretches one-half mile west from State Route 26 (*aka* Raystown Road) to the memorial was not clearly marked. A Pennsylvania Historical Marker stands along Route 26 on the opposite side of the road, but it does not point out the access road, nor in any way suggest that anyone

can visit the memorial. This entrance sign will hopefully direct visitors to the memorial more effectively.

The sign, designed by Compatriot Larry D. Smith, was approved by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission and the Liberty Township Supervisors before it was produced by the SKE Design firm. The result is very nice and hopefully will serve the purpose of enticing visitors to the sacred historical site.

The installation was observed by Frontier Patriots Chapter compatriots, Robert Williams (right) and Larry Smith.

Respect For The Flag

Many people think that the flag is just a decoration. They don't realize that it represents us all. It represents everyone who has made this nation of the United States of America the great nation that it is ~ and the one to which millions of people in other countries want to come. The flag represents our ancestors, our fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters who have died (both in war and in peace) to preserve the freedoms that we have. When we show respect to the flag, we are showing respect to all those who have passed and whose lives, whether on a battlefield or in the home, have enriched our culture.

And what the person who does not salute the flag and show reverence does not know is that when they disrespect the flag, they are disrespecting "the nation for which it stands" which is us all. In the same way that a church edifice is not the 'church' ~ it is the congregation that makes the church, the 'nation' is made up of the people. And so when the flag, which represents the 'nation' is not cherished and respected, the people are not. And when the people are not cherished and respected, the nation will no longer exist.



The 75th Anniversary Of The Founding Of The Chapter

The Frontier Patriots Chapter, as most Compatriot members know, started under the name of the Blair County Chapter. It was formally incorporated in 1946. The Chapter will reach that 75th Anniversary in two years ~ 2021.

It isn't too early to start planning for some spectacular event. Anyone who is interested in helping plan an event, or have any suggestions to be acted upon, please contact Larry Smith at schmitt@motherbedford.com or by snail mail at 966 Johnstown Rd, East Freedom, PA 16637. Any and all suggestions are welcomed.



ANNUAL DUES



Hopefully you have already renewed your membership dues for the year 2020. If you have not, please do so before December 31, 2019. If you wish to pay by credit card online, there is a link on the PASSAR website at <http://www.passar.org> .

For those of you that receive this newsletter by US mail, if you have an email address, we would appreciate you sending it to us to use for future newsletters. Printing and mailing these newsletters is very expensive. Please send to our Secretary Melvin McDowell at melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com

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