

The membership of the group (Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts) 20, Roger Sherman of Connecticut and Roger Livingston of New York reflected the hard work of the colonial governments to bring the colonies together in united reverse. The declaration of independence contrasted suddenly with earlier patriots writings, the British parliament was not mentioned in the document suggesting to readers that parliament had never controlled authority over the colonies instead, the authors of the declaration specifically charged the king with long list of crimes ,the declaration also made no mention of the rights of the colonists as English subjects. The rough draft of declaration was the work of Jefferson even though it was too soon to speak of the United States of America; many of the colonists had begun to think of themselves not as English subjects, but as Americans. A committee was formed four days later to draft .