

#2. Loyalists: the Wealthy Businessmen

Peter Van Schaack, wealthy landowner from New York.

Thomas Hutchinson, wealthy landowner and Governor of Massachusetts.

1. The colonies need the protection of Great Britain from the hostile Native Americans and other European powers, like France. British troops are necessary and needed in the colonies. Therefore, the colonists should pay their taxes.
2. The colonists gained much land after the British troops defeated the French and took over their land in the French and Indian war. The land will increase the wealth and power of the colonies. It is only right that the colonists pay taxes for the soldiers' pay and for the war.
3. The colonies depend on Britain for trade and business. The colonies provide raw materials, like tobacco, indigo, rice; and the British provide weapons, furniture, cloth to the colonies.
4. Anarchy and chaos would rule the colonies, if the British government did not prevail.