

A Virginian Speaks Out

The colonists were furious with Parliament because they were not being treated equally like King James I charter had said they would. They cried, "No **taxation without representation**," because they did not think they should be taxed if they did not have anyone representing them and speaking for them in Parliament.

Patrick Henry, a Virginia House of Burgesses member, did not like the taxing and tried to find a solution for it. He spoke to them about his belief that the colonists would have to go to war in order to gain equal rights from Great Britain. **Patrick Henry** inspired patriots from other colonies when he spoke out against taxation without representation by saying, "...give me liberty or give me death."

