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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

honor sacred our and fortunes our lives our other each to
pledge mutually we providence divine of protection the on
reliance firm a with declaration this of support the for and do
right of may states independent which things and acts other all
do to and commerce establish alliances contract peace
conclude war levey to power full have they states independent
and free as that and dissolved totally be to ought and is britain
great of state the and them between connection political all that
and crown british the to allegiance all from absolved are they
that states independent and free be to ought right of and are
colonies united these that declare and publish solemnly
colonies these of people good the of authority by and name the
in do intentions our of rectitude the for world the of judge
supreme the to appealing assembled congress general in
america of states united the of representatives the therefore we

friends peace in war in enemies mankind of rest the hold
we as them hold and separation our denounces which
necessity the in acquiesce therefore must we consanguinity of
and justice of voice the to deaf been have too then
correspondence and connections our interrupt inevitably would
which usurpations these disavow to kindred common our of ties
the by them conjured have we and magnanimity and justice
native their to appealed have we here settlement and
emigration our of circumstances the of them reminded have we
us over jurisdiction unwarrantable an extend to legislature their
by attempts of time to time from them warned have we brethern
british our to attention in wanting been we have nor

people free a of ruler the be to unfit is tyrant a define may
which act every by marked thus is character whose prince a
injury repeated by only answered been have petitions repeated
our terms humble most the in redress for petitioned have we
oppressions these of state every in

conditions and sexes ages all of destruction
undistinguished an is warfare of rule known whose savages
indian merciless the frontiers our of inhabitants the on bring to
endeavoured has and us amongst insurrections domestic
excited has he

hands their by themselves fall to or brethren and friends
their of executioners the become to country their against arms
bear to seas high the on captive taken citizens fellow our
our constrained has he

nation civilized a of head the unworthy totally and ages
barbarous most the in paralld scarcely perfidy & cruelty of
circumstances with begun already tyranny and desolation
death of works the compleat to mercenaries foreign of armies
large transporting time this at is he

people our of lives the destroyed and towns our burnt
coasts our ravaged seas our plundered has he

us against war waging and protection his of out us
declaring by these government abdicated has he

whatsoever cases all in us for legislate to power with
invested themselves declaring and legislature own our
suspending for

governments our of forms the fundamentally altering and
laws valuable most our abolshing charters our away taking for
colonies these into rule absolute same the introducing for
instrument fit and example an once at it render to as so
boundaries its enlarging and government arbitrary an therein

establishing province neighboring a in laws english of system
free the abolshing for

offences pretended for tried be to seas beyond us
transporting for

jury by trial of benefits the of cases many in us depriving
for

consent our without us on taxes imposing for
world the of parts all with trade our off cutting for

states these of inhabitants the on commit should they
which murders any for punishment from trial mock a by them
protecting for

us among troops armed of bodies large quartering for
legislation pretended of acts their to assent his giving laws
our by unacknowledged and constltution our to foreign
jurisdiction a to us subject to others with combined has he

power civil the to superior and of independent military the
render to affected has he

legislature our of consent the without armies standing
peace of times in us among kept has he

substance their out eat and people our harass to officers of
swarms hither sent and offices new of multitude a erected has
he

salaries their of payment and amount the and offices their
of tenure the for alone will his on dependent judges made has
he

powers judiciary establishing for laws to assent his refus-
ing by justice of administration the obstructed has he

land of appropriations hew of conditions the raising and
hither migration their encourage to others pass to refusing
foreigners of naturalization of laws the obstructing purpose that
for states these of population the prevent to endeavoured has
he

within convulsions and without from invasion of dangers
the all to exposed time mean the in remaining state the
exercise their for large at people the to returned have annihila-
tion of incapable powers legislative the whereby elected be to
others cause to dissolutions such after time long a for refused
has he

people the of rights the on invasions his firmness manly
with opposing for repeatedly houses representative dissolved
has he

measures his with compliance into them fatiguing of
purpose sole the for records public their of depository the from
distant and uncomfortable unusual places at bodies legislative
together called has he

only tyrants to formidable and them to inestimable right a
legislature the in representation of right the relinquish would
people those unless people of distincts large of accommoda-
tion the for laws other pass to refused has he

them to attend to neglected utterly has he suspended so
when and obtained be should assent his til operation their in
suspended unless importance pressing and immediate of laws
pass to governors his forbidden has he

good public the for necessary and wholesome most the
laws to assent his refused has he

world candid a to submitted be facts let this prove to states
these over tyranny absolute an of establishment the object
direct in having all usurpations and injuries repeated of history

a is britain great of king present the of history the government of systems former their alter to them constrains which necessity the now is such and colonies these of sufferance patient the been has such security future their for guards new provide to and government such off throw to duty their is it right their is it despotism absolute under them reduce to design a evinces object same the invariably pursuing usurpations and abuses of train long a when but accustomed are they which to forms the abolishing by themselves right to then sufferable are evils while suffer to disposed more are mankind that shown hath experience all accordingly and causes transient and light for changed for not should established long governments that dictate will indeed prudence happiness and safety their effect to likely most seem shall them to as form such in powers its organizing and principles such on foundation its laying government new institute to and it abolish to or alter to people the of right the is it ends these of destructive becomes government of form any whenever that governed the of consent the from powers just their deriving men among instituted are governments rights these secure to that happiness of pursuit the and liberty life are these among that rights unalienable certain with creator their by endowed are they that equal created are men all that evident self to be to truths those hold we

separation the to them impel which causes the declare should they that requires mankind of opinions the to respect decent a them entitle god natures of and nature of laws the which to station equal and separate the earth the of powers the among assume to and another with them connected have which bands political the dissolve to people one for necessary becomes it events human of course the in when

BARRY CHAMISH

twentieth century violent
 tree docks by the pier all
 anxious expecting the call
 from Montreal a new year's
 wish from the deserters who
 forged a knife through the
 laurentians and died peacefully
 on the dream island unforgiven
 he returned his folly the phone
 rang the liner was dead

JIM MCCURRY

HELEN LAUGHED

helen laughed while z waved his pen w/a flourish in midair waiting for her to read him the number. z did not know why she laughed but at that same moment he saw what she saw: in his mind's eye he saw a small black dog with the head of a Lab and the body of a Dachshund shaking vigorously in his jaws a mangled, half-gone carcass of some small furry animal, gone beyond recognition, proudly, as a trophy of his roadside hunt, and he saw himself, thumb held out by the road, and helen laughing: "Downer, Downer!" Then he remembered: that was the dog's name, they used to have, they took with them everywhere.//////////he said goodbye in russian & split.