The Com.ee of the whole Congress to whom was referred the resolution and ~~the~~ the Declaration respecting independence. 17

Resolved That these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independant States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown and that all political connection between them and the State of great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved

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