

# The Georgians

**1714-1837**



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Coat of arms of George I as  
King of Great Britain 1714–1727

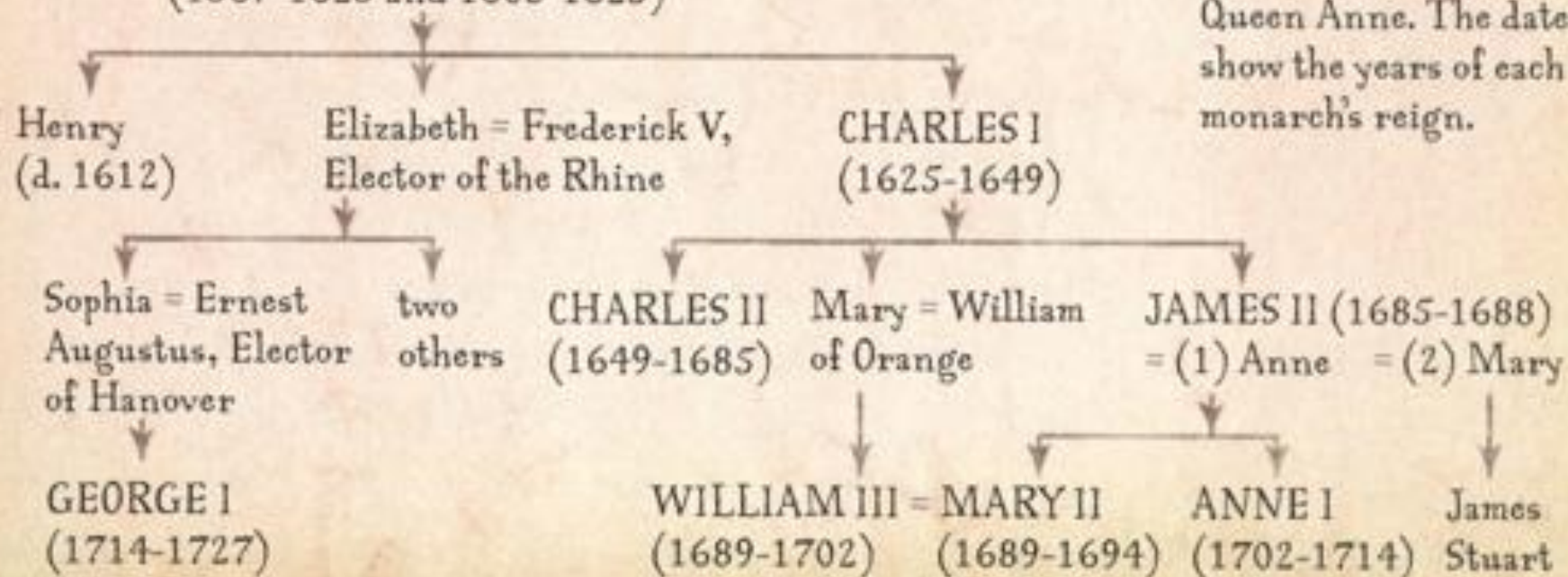
Georg Friedrich Händel



King George I, by Godfrey Kneller, 1714

## Kings and queens

JAMES IV of Scotland and I of England  
(1567-1625 and 1603-1625)



This family tree shows how George I and James Stuart were related to Queen Anne. The dates show the years of each monarch's reign.



Robert Walpole, by Jean-Baptiste van Loo, circa 1740

## The first Prime Minister



# Houghton Hall





Robert Adam by James Tassie  
(medallion)

Pulteney Bridge, Bath,  
by Robert Adam

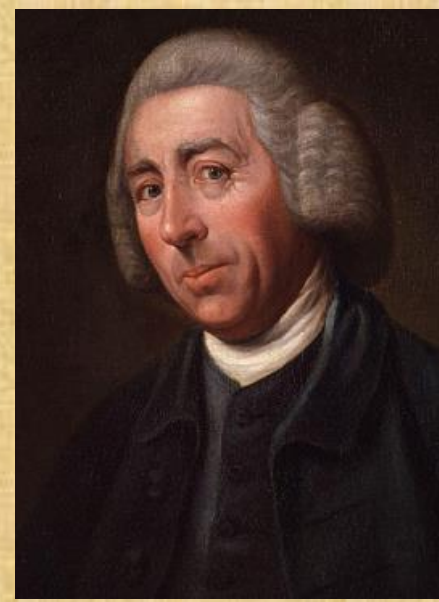


## Funny walls

Many stately homes were surrounded by a sunken wall known as a ha-ha. This kept out wild animals and trespassers, without interrupting the views of the countryside from the house.



Lancelot ('Capability') Brown,  
by Nathaniel Dance

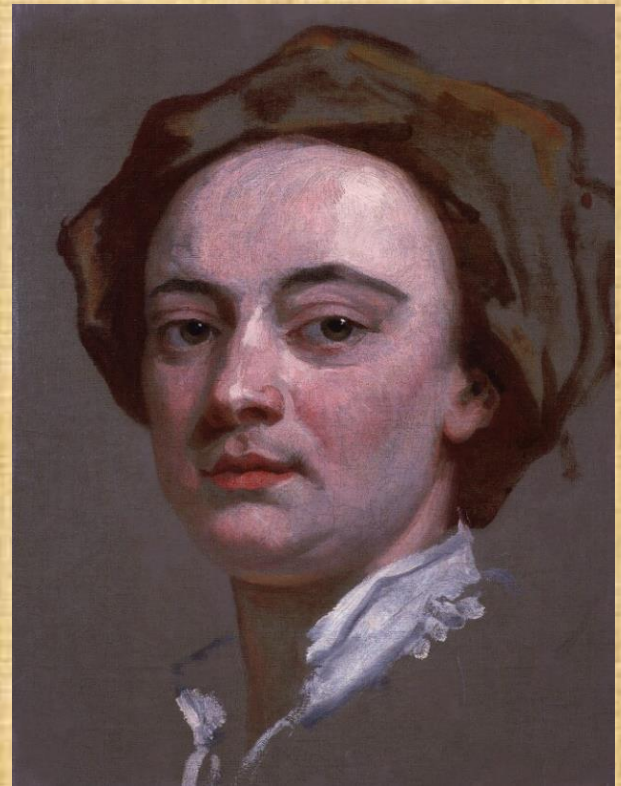




Jonathan Swift,  
by Charles Jervas,  
1710



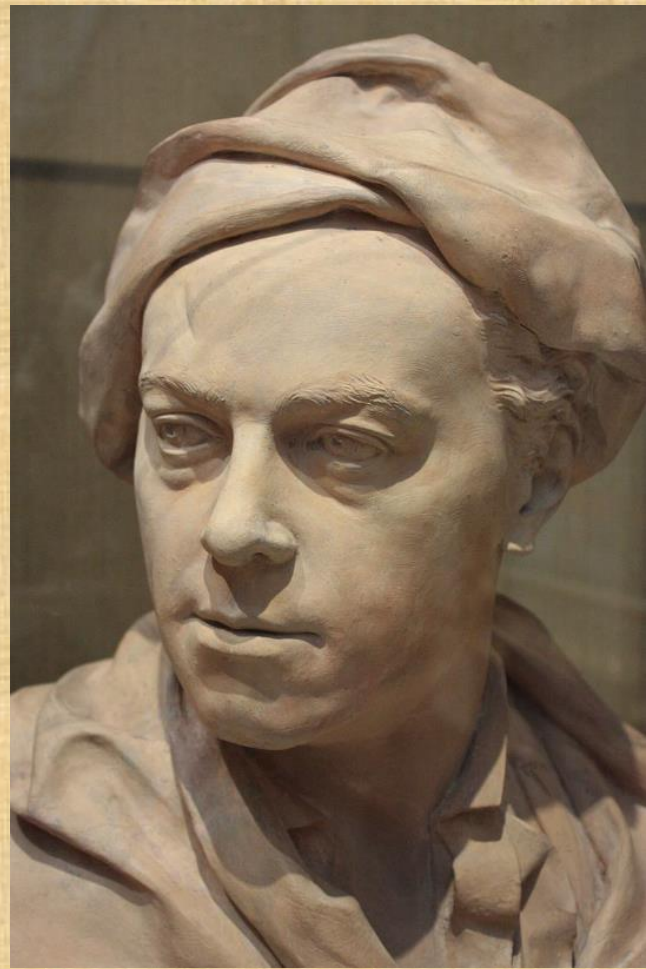
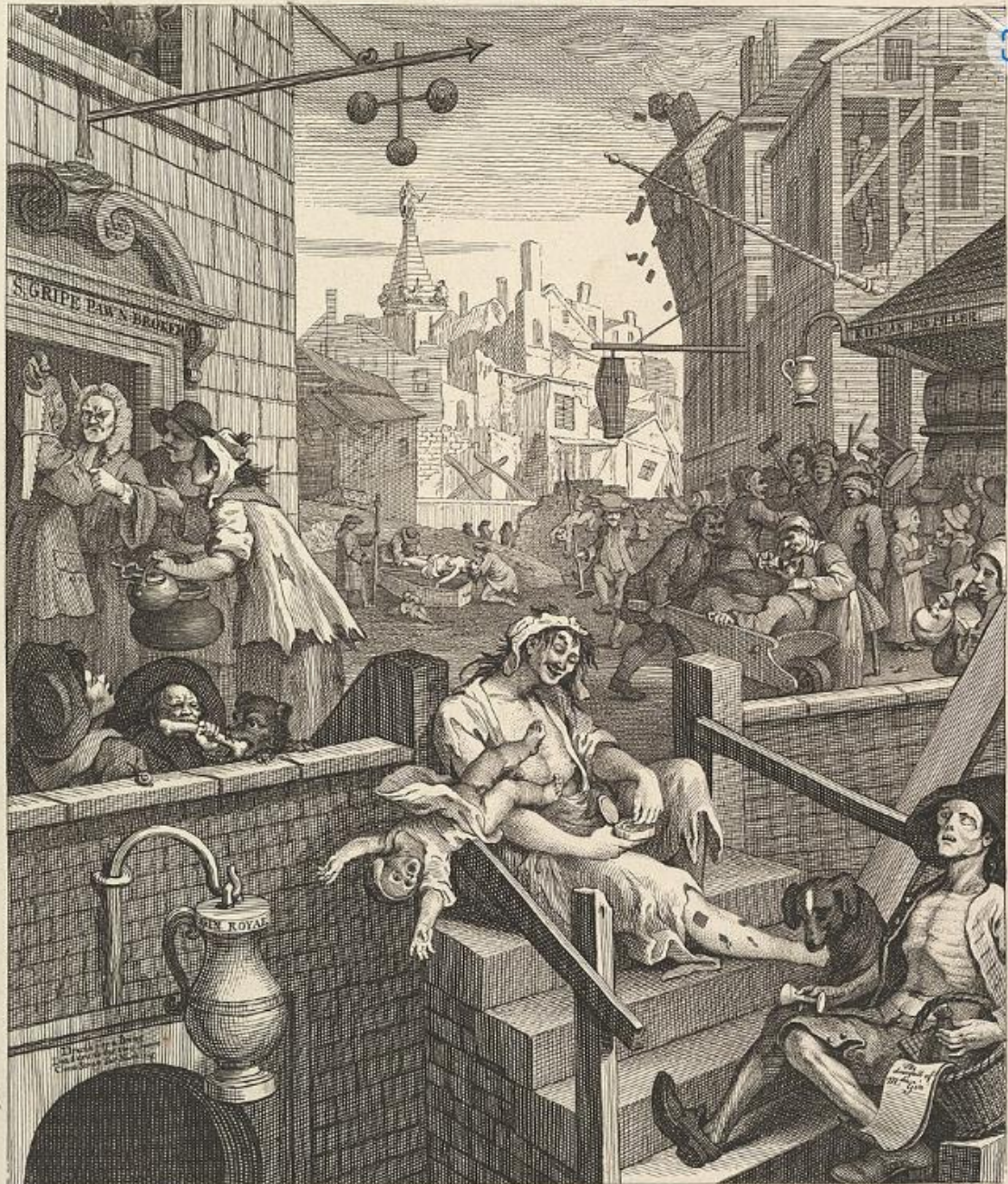
Alexander Pope, by  
Michael Dahl, circa 1727



Unknown man, formerly  
known as John  
Gay, by Godfrey Kneller



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William Hogarth by  
Roubiliac, 1741

Wm Hogarth

*Gin-craz'd Fiend, with Fury fronght,  
Masks human Race a Froe,  
It enters in a deadly Trench,  
And steals our Life away.*

*Virtue and Truth driv'n to Despair,  
No longer capable to fly,  
And, cower'd with bellish Care,  
Tell, Murder, Perjury.*

*Down'd Cup! that on the Filial press,  
Thou'st kindled Fire, conveys  
Whoe's Madness to the Hell's convey,  
And rolls it thro' the Veins.*

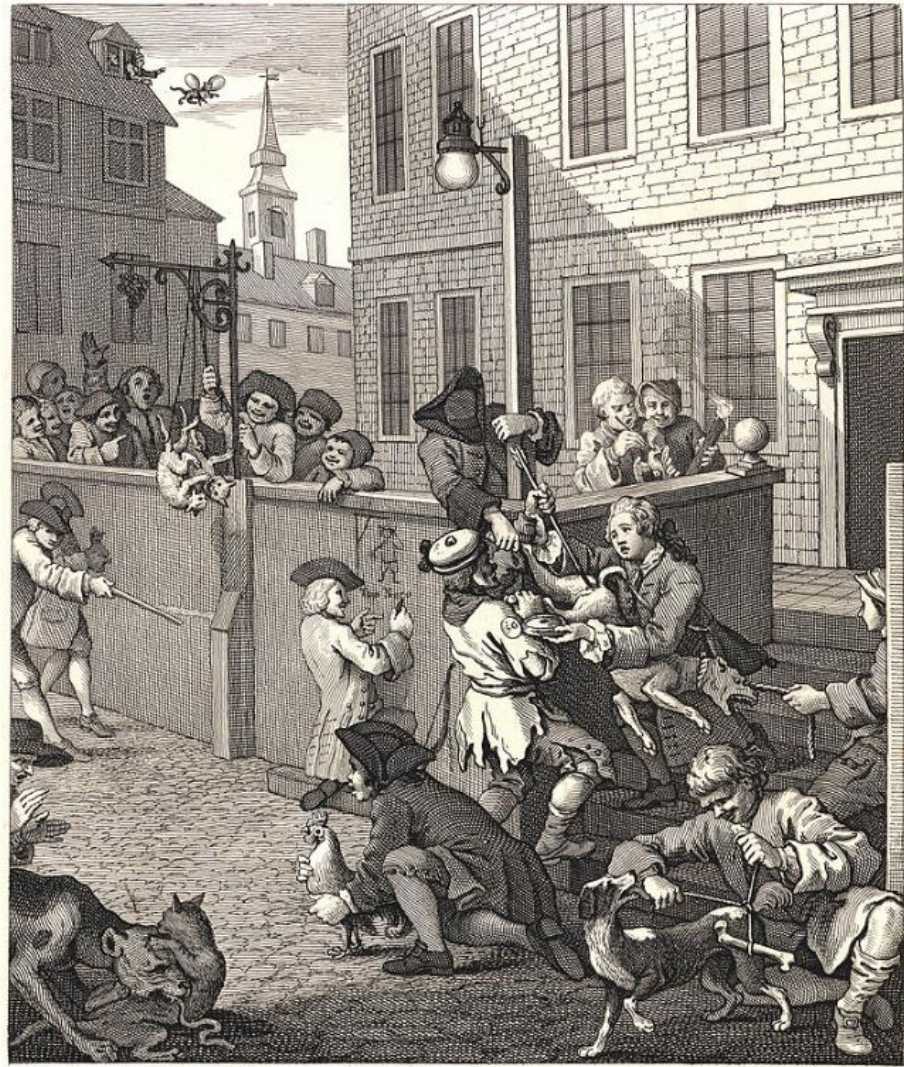


*Beer, happy Produce of our Isle  
Can sinew Strength impart,  
And refresh with Fatigue and Toil,  
Can cheer each manly Heart.*

*Labour and Art upheld by Thee  
Successfully advance,  
We quaff Thy balmy Juice with Glee  
And Water leave to France.*

*Genius of Health, thy grateful Taste  
Reveals the Cup of Joy,  
And warms each English generous Breast  
With Liberty and Love.*

FIRST STAGE OF CRUELTY.



*While various Scenes of sportive Wit  
The Indigent Slave employ,  
And render'd Victims bleeding show  
The Reward to the Boy.*

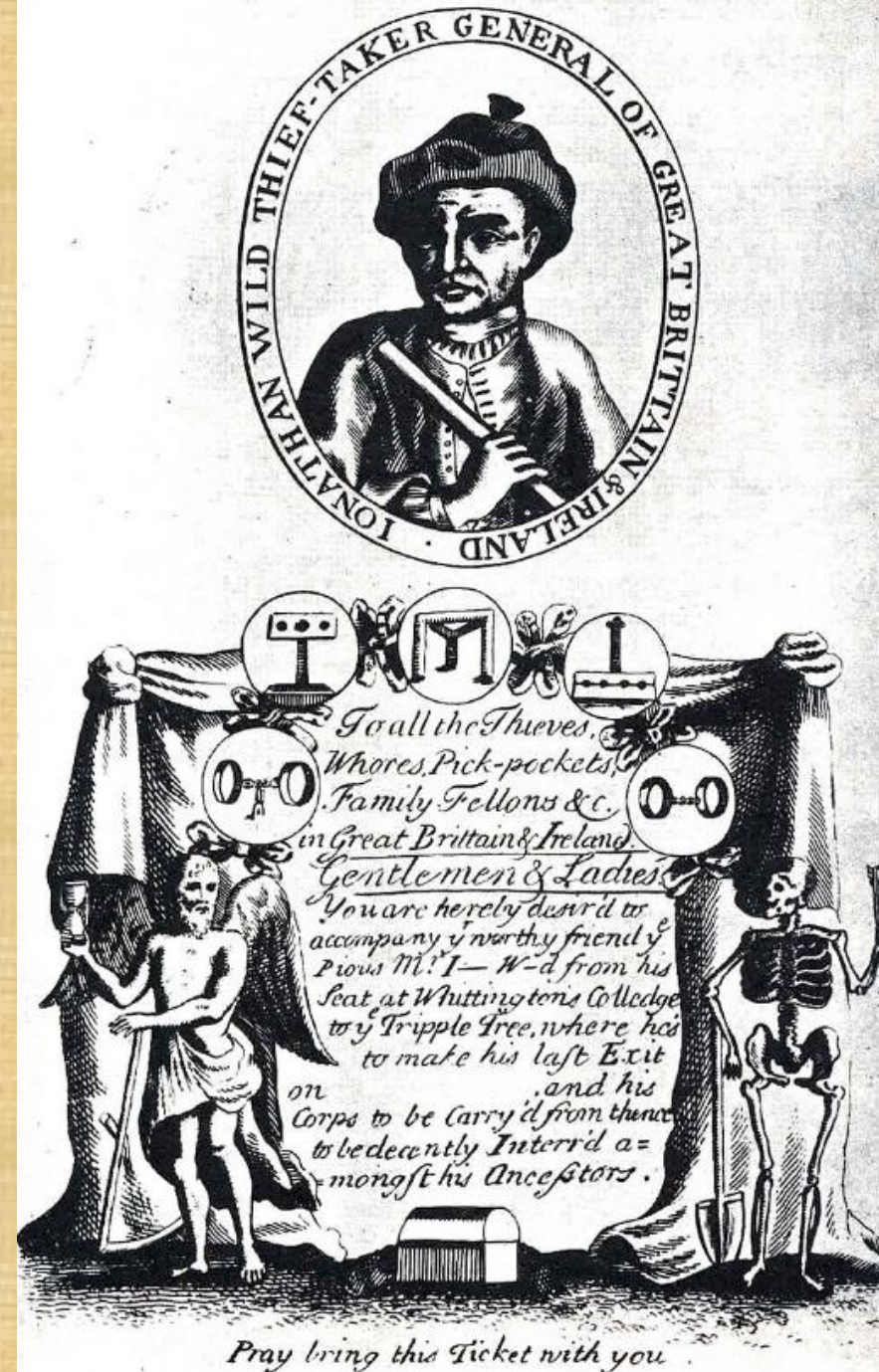
*Behold a Youth of sculler's Host,  
To spare the Creature's pain  
O take, he cries, take all my Lot,  
But leave and Part are vain.*

*Learn from this fair Example — You  
Whom savage Sports delight,  
How Cruelty obscures the view  
While Pity obscures the sight.*

Printed by W. Rogers. Published according to an Act of Parliament in 1750.

# Organized crime

I was a highwayman  
Along the coach roads I did ride  
With sword and pistol by my side  
Many a young maid lost her baubles to my trade  
Many a soldier shed his lifeblood on my blade  
The bastards hung me in the spring of twenty-five  
But I am still alive.



# The Stuarts' last stand

Bonnie Prince Charlie



Prince Charles Edward Stuart, 1720 - 1788.  
Eldest Son of Prince James Francis Edward Stuart

# The Highland Clearances



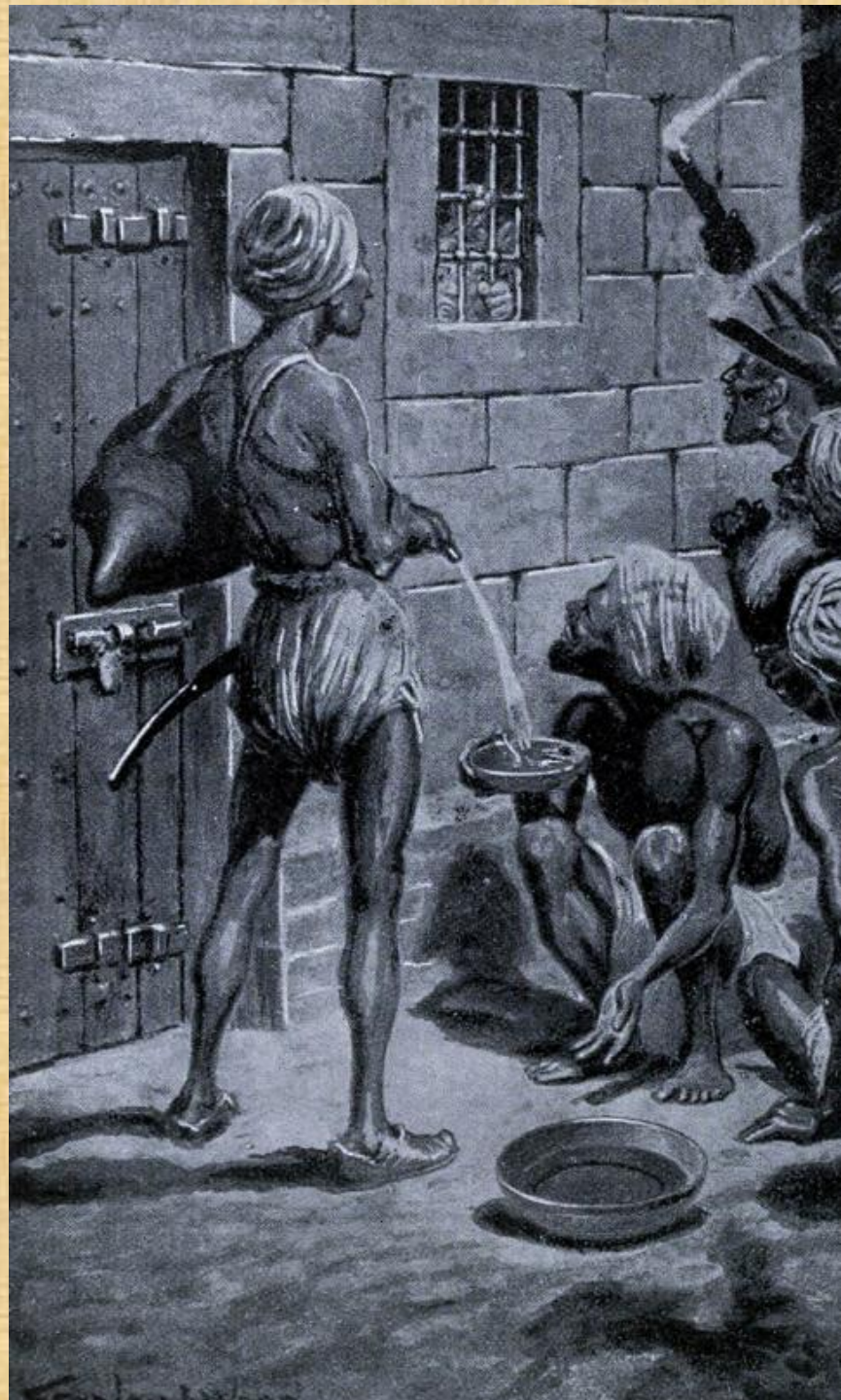
Ormaig had been inhabited since prehistoric times, until it was cleared...

# Rivalry in America



## The Black Hole of Calcutta

In 1756, the ruler, or *Nawab*, of Bengal captured Calcutta from the British. He took 146 prisoners and locked them overnight in a small, hot cell, with little ventilation and no water. Only 23 survived what has gone down in history as the 'Black Hole of Calcutta'.





# Textiles and technology

'Flying shuttles' designed  
by John Kay in 1733



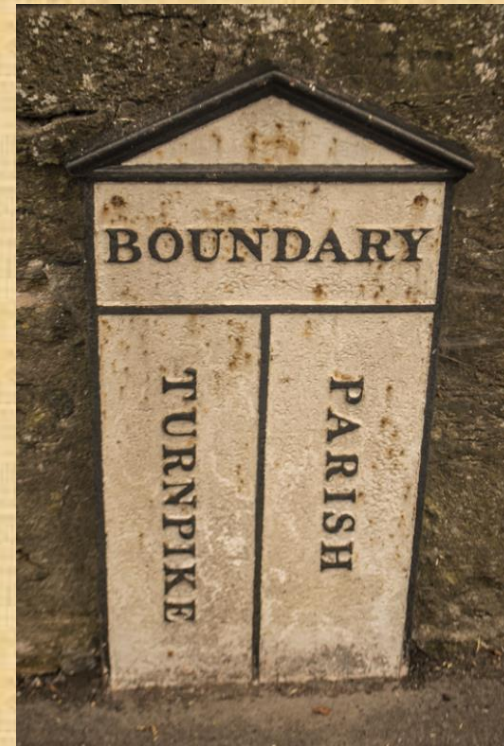


## TURNPIKE TARIFF

Horse with rider	1/2 penny
Cattle, sheep, pigs	1-2 pence
Coaches	2-12 pence
Wagons	from 5 pence

(There are extra charges for more horses and for narrow wheels, which make deep ruts in the road.)

Soldiers, mail coaches, funerals and local vicars travel for **FREE**.



At the peak, in the 1830s, over 1,000 trusts administered around 30,000 miles (48,000 km) of **turnpike road** in England and Wales, taking tolls at almost 8,000 toll-gates and side-bars.

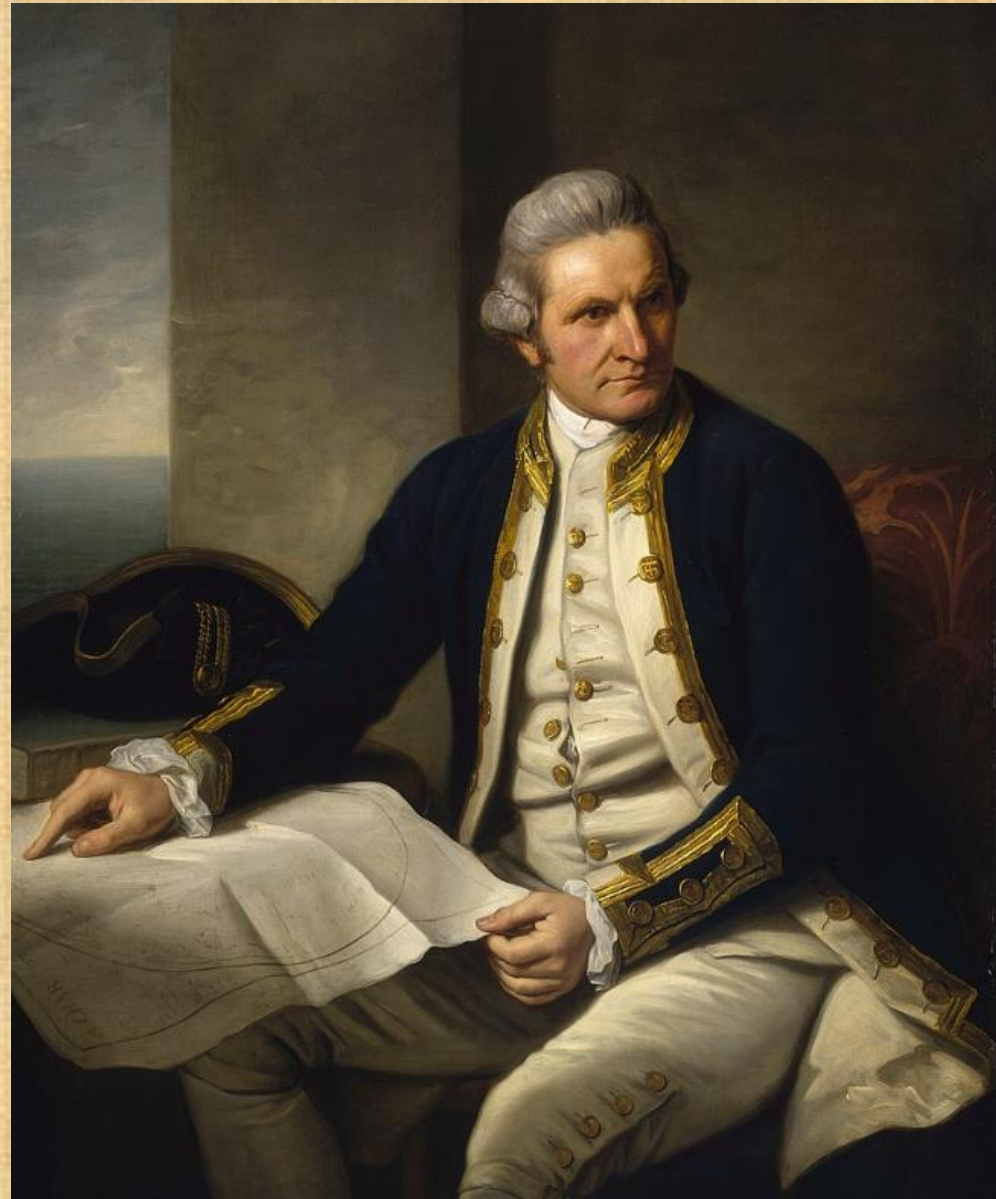
“Born and bred in  
this country. I glory  
in the name Briton.”

A line from George III's  
coronation speech.

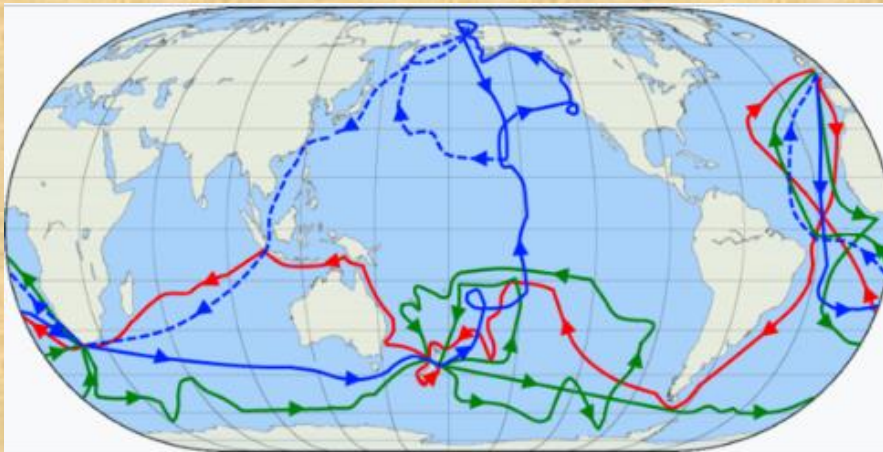




*A Philosopher Lecturing on the Orrery, by Joseph Wright of Derby, circa 1766*



Official portrait of Captain James Cook, by Nathaniel Dance-Holland, circa 1775



The routes of Captain James Cook's voyages. The first voyage is shown in **red**, second voyage in **green**, and third voyage in **blue**. The route of Cook's crew following his death is shown as a dashed blue line.

## The art establishment



This picture shows a Georgian town house with one side cut away.

The servants' bedrooms are on the top floor. The owners' rooms are below.

The middle two floors hold the dining room and drawing room.

Servants use a separate stairway, which is much plainer than the main staircase.

The kitchen and laundry room are at the bottom of the house.

## Objects of desire

The richest families filled their homes with stylish items, made by the very best craftsmen.

This mahogany chair was created by Thomas Chippendale, one of the best-known Georgian designers.



Josiah Wedgwood owned a big factory where he produced pottery in a classical style.

This piece was based on a famous Roman vase, which showed scenes from ancient myths.



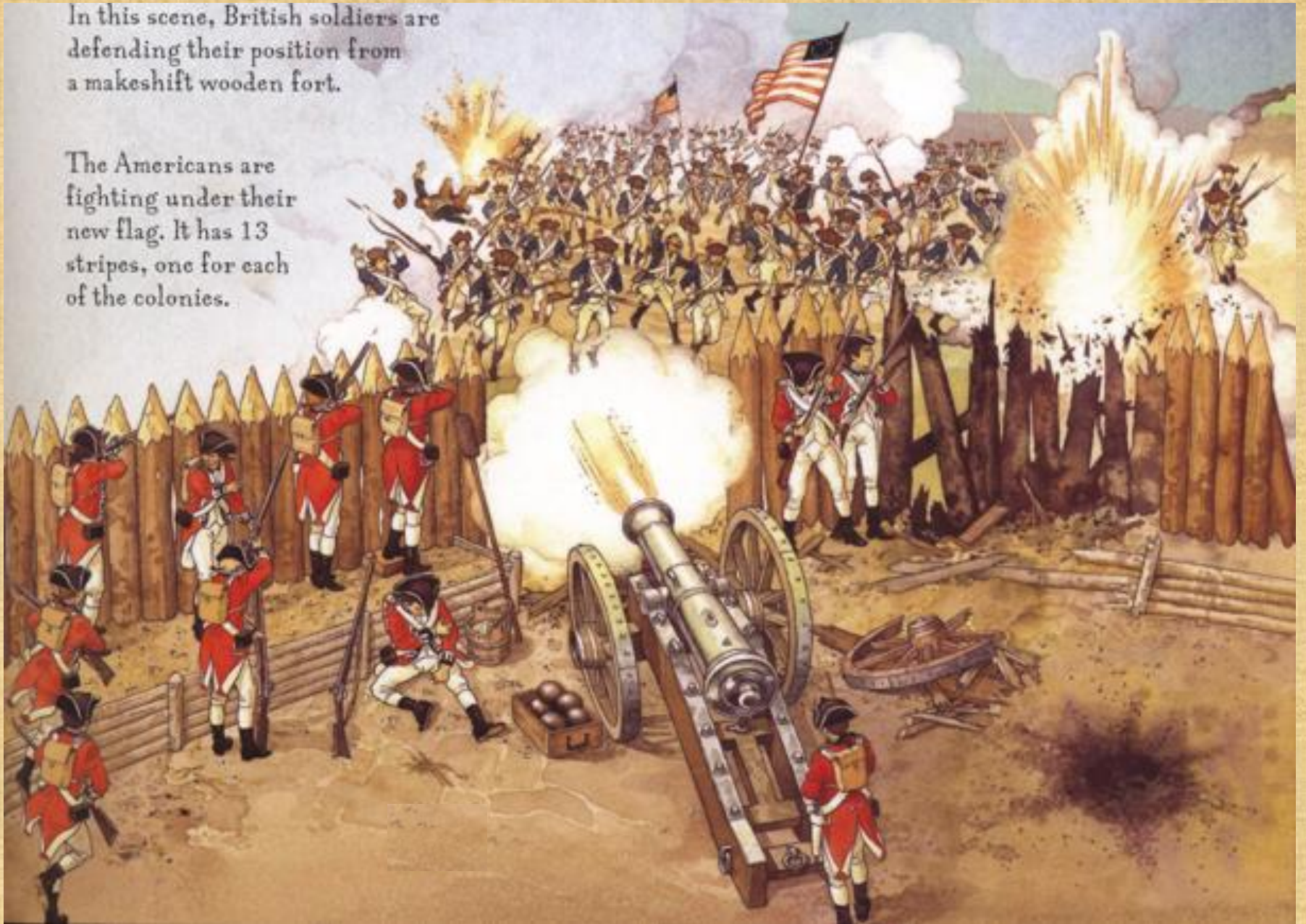
Items imported from Asia were very popular, such as this tea set from China. Sets like this were used by rich families to serve a tea, which had become the height of fashion.



# Losing America

In this scene, British soldiers are defending their position from a makeshift wooden fort.

The Americans are fighting under their new flag. It has 13 stripes, one for each of the colonies.





*The Battle of Trafalgar, 21 October 1805, by William Clarkson Stanfield*



Mad, bad and dangerous



The Lord Byron, by  
Thomas Phillips



Byron's visit to San Lazzaro degli Armeni as depicted in Ivan Aivazovsky's 1899 portrait

# Regency style



Coal, iron and rocket power



# Peterloo Massacre





The Burning of the Houses of Parliament 16<sup>th</sup> October 1834, by David Roberts

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