

Deleted Passage from the Declaration of Independence (originally written by Thomas Jefferson; Benjamin Franklin and John Adams advised that it be removed).

He has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him ...” — were a condemnation of George III, “the Christian King of Great Britain,” and his participation in and perpetuation of the slave trade.

“Determined to keep open a market where men should be bought and sold,” the lost passage continues, “he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or restrain this execrable commerce.”