

The Gathering Presents...



“Delenda est Norfolk” Lord Dunmore and the Campaign for the Chesapeake 1775-1776

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During the tumultuous summer of 1775, Virginians across the colony grappled with the question of joining in the revolt against Britain. At the center of this debate stood Royal Governor John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore. A stubborn and often tempestuous Scotsman, Dunmore's actions in the face of revolution did much to galvanize the patriot movement in Virginia, and he has gone down as one of the most maligned men in Virginia history. A villain to most, Lord Dunmore was also seen as a liberator by many enslaved men and women who were promised freedom by his controversial proclamation of November 1775. Thousands would risk their lives for a chance at liberty.

Join VPHA Director of Education Travis Shaw to take a deeper dive into the complex life of Virginia's last Royal Governor and look at how revolution came to the Old Dominion. We will examine how Virginia's society fractured as patriot and loyalist factions came to blows, resulting in a military campaign that raged throughout Chesapeake Bay for nearly a year and left Virginia's largest city in ashes.

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