

CHARACTERS

Benjamin Franklin (70) - The elder statesman of Congress and the embodiment of the new "American" as viewed by the rest of the world.

Edward Rutledge (26) - The vain "strutting popinjay" representing the South. He is the youngest member of Congress, yet his reputation with the spoken word rivals that of any of his contemporaries.

John Adams (31) - The driving force behind the revolution. "Not graceful nor elegant, nor remarkably fluent, but spoke with a power of thought and expression that moved us from our seats." - T. Jefferson

Joseph Bass (32) - A cobbler and neighbor of John Adams who became his traveling companion.

Lute (48) - Proprietor of the Indian Queen Tavern. A burly Swedish immigrant somewhat sympathetic to the cause.

Francis (16) - A young soldier whose company is on the move to New York and the fighting.

Abigail Adams (31) - John's devoted wife, whose lifelong correspondence with her husband distinguished her as a pioneer for women's rights.

William Franklin (46) - The Royal Governor of New Jersey. Ben Franklin felt betrayed by his bastard son who was "a more dutiful servant to the crown than son to his father."

(The roles of Joseph Bass and William Franklin can be doubled.)