

January 2020

Va. Senate committee strikes 'assault weapons' bill, advances other proposed gun laws

RICHMOND, Va. (WHSV) — One of the most controversial gun control bills proposed in the Virginia General Assembly has been killed, while others passed out of committee on Monday morning.

[Senate Bill 16](#), proposed by Sen. Richard Saslaw, would have expanded the definition of "assault firearms" under Virginia law, outlawed their possession, and outlawed the the selling or transfer of any firearm magazine with a capacity for more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday morning, as hundreds gathered outside the Virginia Capitol for a gun rights rally, Saslaw requested that his bill be pulled from consideration.

According to media outlets present at the meeting, Committee Democrats unanimously voted to dismiss the bill. Republicans all abstained from voting after arguing that it was too late to dismiss the bill since it had already been docketed.

The vote came after a contentious start to the committee's meeting, in which Sen. Mark Obenshain requested that no votes on gun control bills be passed due to the absence of Republican Sen. Stanley.



A vendor looks on as a customer handles a scoped rifle at a gun show on Sunday, March 25. A majority of vendors, including the one pictured, owned retail stores around Virginia and traveled to the Richmond show with a smaller selection to sell. (Photo by Erin Edgerton)

However, Democrats in charge of the committee pressed ahead as long lines of people worked their way through security outside the capitol to get inside, following [a new rule passed last week](#) barring firearms from the building.

After the committee voted to strike SB 16 from consideration, votes moved ahead on other proposed gun legislation.

Committee members voted on party lines, 9 to 5, to combine Senate Bills 22 and 69, which both would institute a "one gun a month" law for Virginia limiting citizens to one handgun purchase within any 30-day period, and moved those out of the committee.

Senate Bills 12 and 70, both of which would establish mandatory background checks for any transfer of firearms, including private sales, were combined as well and moved forward out of the committee.

Also on 9-5 party line votes, the committee reported SB 240, establishing red flag laws, out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Each of those bills will move forward to the Virginia Senate for further consideration. To become law, they would need to pass the Senate, then pass the House of Delegates, then have any differences from the different chambers resolved and voted on, and then be signed into law by Gov. Ralph Northam, who has pledged to pass new gun laws since the Virginia Beach mass shooting last year.

At an NRA rally scheduled in Richmond later on Monday, both Senator Mark Obenshain and Delegate Todd Gilbert are slated to speak against the gun control bills that are moving forward.

To protest SB 16 specifically, the National Rifle Association had announced over the weekend that they would be distributing 30-round drum magazines at Virginia's capitol building during Monday's hearings.

In the months since Democrats took control of Virginia's government for the first time in over two decades, over 100 localities across Virginia have passed resolutions declaring themselves "Second Amendment Sanctuaries," stating that they're opposed to any bills which would restrict Second Amendment rights.

Democrats in the General Assembly say the bills moving forward, like red flag laws and universal background checks, are "common-sense gun safety measures" that don't restrict any Constitutional rights.

"The pieces of legislation that we're offering is to keep guns out of prohibitive hands," said Gov. Northam. "It's very simple. They're constitutional and they support the Second Amendment."

Special hearings on the topic of becoming Second Amendment Sanctuaries have drawn thousands of peoples in localities across the commonwealth, including a href="https://www.wHSV.com/content/news/Hearing-set-to-begin-as-Augusta-County-considers-becoming-a-2nd-Amendment-sanctuary-565802181.html" target="_blank">Augusta County, [Rockingham County](#), [Page County](#), and [Shenandoah County](#).

None of the Shenandoah Valley cities – Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro – have yet voted on the topic, but they may change soon.

Waynesboro has a special meeting scheduled for January 13 at Kate Collins Middle School starting at 7 p.m. Staunton City Council heard comments on the topic at a regularly scheduled city council meeting and has made no plans for a special hearing.

In Harrisonburg, [the city council has added a discussion on the topic to their agenda](#) for their regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

To counter possible gun control laws, the concept of becoming a 'Second Amendment sanctuary' means that a county expresses its intent that its public funds not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights.

According to the resolution passed in Rockingham County, for instance, the Board of Supervisors "expresses its continuing intent to uphold, support and defend all rights protected and guaranteed by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States."

In an [advisory opinion last week](#), Attorney General Mark Herring concluded that localities and local constitutional officers "cannot nullify state laws" and must follow any gun violence prevention measures passed by the General Assembly.

CMP TALLADEGA MARKSMANSHIP PARK

STORY BY: JAMES MELVILLE



The CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is "the Home of Marksmanship". Boasting the latest technological advances in the realm of marksmanship, it is a must-see destination for firearm enthusiasts across the country. The park will be open to the public, year-round, offering many opportunities to marksmen of all ages.

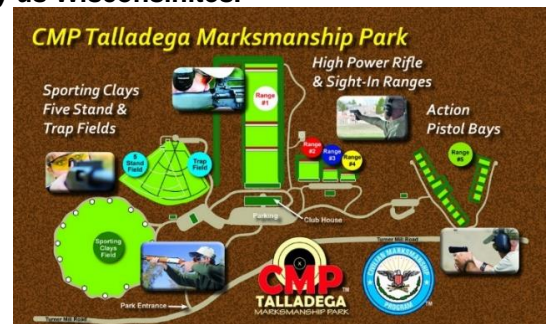
The 500-acre facility – located two miles from the world-famous Talladega Superspeedway – features a 600-yard rifle range with targets at 200, 300 and 600 yards, a 100-yard multi-purpose range and a 50-yard

pistol range. It also includes 15 action pistol bays and a trap field, 5-stand field and a 15-station sporting clays field – all with automated trap machines.

Last November a group of High Power shooters from Wisconsin traveled to the Marksmanship Park. The trip was planned after the Nationals at Camp Perry, when Thomas McGowan, a Junior, placed in the top six civilians, six-person team match at Camp Perry OH. White Oak Armament paid for his trip to the CMP Marksmanship Park in Alabama during their annual Talladega 600 match.

The match is a seven-day event. Some of the matches include a two-person team, four-person team, individual match called the Congressional 30, several vintage matches, a rifle EIC match along with several pistol matches. The group that went down from Wisconsin included Spencer McGowan, Thomas McGowan, Ken Fuhrmann, Dave Holub, James Melville, Bryan Melville and Josh Hanrahan. This group of guys faired very well. In the two-person match (Dixie Doubles), Bryan M. and James M. finished third. Thomas M. and his team mate (Nick Till) finished fourth. In the four-person team match, someone from Wisconsin finished in all of the top four teams with the all Wisconsin team finishing third overall. Everyone from Wisconsin finished up on the top 30 for the Congressional thirty except one. We had a great showing by us Wisconsinites.

The CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is an awesome place to see. It is not just for High Power Shooters; it is for all firearm enthusiasts. It includes pistol ranges, Action Pistol Bays, Sporting Clays, Five Stand, Trap, Skeet, and the newest range for Precision Rifle Series (PRS). There is some talk of putting in a long range course also. This complex is like the Disney World of the shooting sports. It is neat and clean. The people running it are very nice. They also had a big selection of M1's and 1903's. They also have some 1917's and Krag Rifles.



If you are not into competitive shooting, they also have general shooting passes if you would like to just have some fun plinking. Many of ranges have electronic scoring systems to show you your shots. Along with your range fees a safety video is required for anyone planning on shooting. You will get a range certification after watching the video that is good for one year.

They have no housing on site like at Camp Perry, but if you contact the Holiday Inn Express in Oxford Alabama, they will give you a big discount if you ask for the CMP discount. We all had a great time and are planning on going back next year.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 25, 2020

Special Guest Speaker: Justice Daniel Kelly

Convention + Expo Center

10101 Market Street
Rothschild, WI 54474

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Annual membership meeting 2:30 pm.
Special Guest Speaker to be announced

RSVP is required to attend this meeting.

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CMP Competition Rulebooks that will govern CMP sponsored and sanctioned competitions in 2020 have now been approved by the CMP Board's Rules Committee. All four rulebooks are posted below so you can download your copies. 2020 CMP Competition Rulebooks are effective immediately. Significant changes in this year's rulebooks include an expansion of the CMP Pistol Rules to establish a new Match Pistol discipline and provide rules to support the sanctioning of Bulls-eye Pistol 2700 Three-Gun Aggregates. The 2020 CMP Smallbore Rifle Rules establish new Smallbore Rifle Distinguished Badges. Check the rulebooks that govern the disciplines you shoot to see this year's changes. All changes are displayed in red, underlined text.

2020 RULES

- [2020 Highpower Rifle Competition Rules](#) - Final version
- [2020 CMP Smallbore Rifle Competition Rules](#) - Final version
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Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

Upcoming Events

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB
CMP INDOOR RIFMIRE SPORTER RIFLE MATCH
JANUARY 18, 2020

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB
NRA CONVENTIONAL INDOOR 4-POSITION
OPEN
February 7-9, 2020

Championships: Kenosha, WI.
Indoor Pistol Sectional
Jan. 17th-19th, 2020

Negunee, MI
Suomi Shoot
March 7, 2020

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB
Fullbore and Palma Fund Raiser
April 4 and 5, 2020

Masters Gun Club: Kenosha, WI
Wisconsin Indoor Pistol Championships
Southport.
Apr. 10th-12th, 2020 (date may change)

WINNEQUAH GUN CLUB
CMP Junior Club Fund Raiser
April 18, 2020

Racine
Garand
April 18, 2020

Racine
CMP Garand(am), Vintage Sniper(pm)
April 25, 2020

Nicolet
Small Arms Firing School
April 25, 2020

Daniel Boone
Small Arms Firing School
April 25, 2020

Eau Claire
4-gun 600
April 25, 2020

Eau Claire
80 shot NMC
April 26, 2020

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Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Annual Membership Meeting

January 25, 2020 at 2:30pm

Convention + Expo Center

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Wisconsin Firearm Owners

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We also want your help! If you would like to volunteer to help or if you a company you have a relationship with would like to donate or sponsor a prize or wish to make a donation to the fundraiser, please contact Dave Holub at holubdave@yahoo.com Flyers will be sent out a few weeks after the holidays. Let's work toward a great turnout and a great event!

Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Senior Service Rifle Team



With the overwhelming number of competitors wanting to compete in the 6 person team match, in 2020

Wisconsin is planning on having two adult teams. Tom Jones has come up with the following criteria to be on the team:

You must show interest in being on the team by sending in three match scores from this year, starting in April 2020. One of the three must be an EIC match. You also must state whether you would like to be in competition or out of competition. Another requirement is to have to shoot at one of the State Championship OTC matches, along with participation in fundraising. This would be accomplished by competitors interested in being on the team sending in match scores. You can send scores into wiscoreroster@gmail.com.

Daniel Boone Conservation League



The Daniel Boone Conservation League, a “Members Only Club” established in 1929, is located in Richfield, Wisconsin and is dedicated to preserving our natural resources. Located only 5 miles west of Highway 41/45 on Highway 167, the club has over 300 acres of land devoted to nature trails, scout grounds, fishing ponds, and shooting ranges with the purpose of promoting shooting sports.

100-200-yard Rifle Range: The 100-200 yard Rifle Range is the longest range at the facility. It features berms at various increments for steel targets and target carriers at 200 yards.

Pistol: The pistol range features individually separated stations much like an indoor range with target carrier increments of 7, 10, and 12 yards,

Trap/Skeet: The club features five trap fields and one skeet field. Trap house 5 has a doubles machine.

3D Archery: The 3D archery range is a nice long walk through woods and fields with 25 3D targets setup at various ranges and positions to simulate hunting scenarios.

25-50-yard Rifle\Pistol Range: The 25-50 yard range is for short to medium range rifle and longer range pistol target shooting.

Auxiliary Range: The auxiliary range has both 50 yard and 100 yard shooting positions and also features the running deer target.

Archery: Daniel Boone Conservation League is well known for its fantastic rifle and handgun ranges, training activities and competitions. In addition, given the extensive growth in archery hunting popularity, it also has developed extensive field tip archery practice facilities for year round shooting by club members.

As you drive into the DBCL grounds on your right are stations with at least two Pacific Bow Butt targets each at 20, 30, 40 and 50 yards. These two targets include one for crossbow and one for all other bow styles. This area is open all year round.

Indoor shooting is possible all year round, as well, facilitated using video equipment that can be used any time with training verification. A Paper target league is held from October through March with a maximum distance of 20 yards in the club house basement.

Dispersed through the east section of our grounds are various Rinehart 3D targets set at distances between 13 and 80 yards with 3 elevated platforms. The 32 station league course runs from mid-April to mid- August across different topography and fauna. In addition there is a warmup area and long distance shooting lanes.

Use of the course is free to members with a small league participation fee.

Contact the current Indoor and 3D archery chairmen listed in the Powderhorn, club monthly periodical, or website for current schedules.

Nature Trails: The Daniel Boone property has over 2.5 miles of hiking trails.

2020 Wisconsin Firearm Owners Banquet

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- **Wisconsin Firearm Owners** gives you a voice in Madison to protect your **Second Amendment Rights**.
- We are the **only** **NRA** State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
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- **WFO** provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
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Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WFO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

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Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WFO. **Please join us today!**

The Arms Of All The People Should Be Taken Away

by Stephen P. Halbrook, Ph.D., J.D. - Thursday, December 15, 2016



Originally published in American Rifleman, March 1989
In 1777, William Knox, Under Secretary of State in the British Colonial Office, circulated a proposal entitled, "What is Fit to be Done with America?" Knox advocated the creation of a ruling aristocracy loyal to the Crown, establishment of the Church of England throughout the colonies and an unlimited power to tax. To keep them servile, Knox offered the panacea of disarming all of the people and relying solely on a standing army:

The Militia Laws should be repealed and none suffered to be re-enacted, the Arms of all the People should be taken away, & every piece of Ordnance removed into the King's Stores, nor should any Foundry or manufactory of Arms, Gunpowder, or Warlike Stores, be ever suffered in America, nor should any Gunpowder, Lead, Arms or Ordnance be imported into it without License: they will have but little need of such things for the future, as the King's Troops, Ships & Forts will be sufficient to protect them from any danger.¹

It all began in September 1768, when rumors of an impending occupation by British troops, allegedly to suppress riots and collect taxes, inflamed Boston. A group of the freeholders led by James Otis and John Hancock met at Faneuil Hall and passed several resolutions, including the following:

WHEREAS, by an Act of Parliament, of the first of King William and Queen Mary, it is declared, that the Subjects being Protestants, may have Arms for their Defence; it is the Opinion of this town, that the said Declaration is founded in Nature, Reason and sound Policy, and is well adapted for the necessary Defence of the Community. And Forasmuch, as by a good and wholesome Law of this Province, every listed Soldier and other Householder (except Troopers, who by law are otherwise to be provided) shall always be provided with a well fix'd Firelock, Musket, Accoutrements and Ammunition, as in said Law particularly mentioned, to the Satisfaction of the Commission officers of the Company; ...VOTED, that those of the Inhabitants, who may at present be unprovided, be and hereby are requested duly to observe the said Law at this Time.²

Following the armed conflict between American colonists and British forces at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, Gen. Thomas Gage, commander of British forces and the royal governor of Massachusetts, demanded that Boston's citizens deposit their arms at Faneuil Hall under the care of a Selectman before being permitted to leave the city, then under siege by the colonial militia. After obtaining 1778 muskets, 634 pistols and 36 blunderbusses from citizens, the governor had an armed guard mounted over their arms and refused to permit their owners to depart from the city. Illustrated for American Rifleman by Harry Lloyd Jaecks



A convention of Boston and several other towns met to consider the resolutions, and then petitioned the royal governor. When the governor rejected the petition, a patriot "A.B.C." (probably Samuel Adams) wrote: It is reported that the Governor has said, that he has Three Things in Command from the Ministry, more grievous to the People, than any Thing hitherto made known. It is conjectured 1st, that the Inhabitants of this Province are to be disarmed. 2d. The Province to be governed by Martial Law. And 3d, that a Number of Gentlemen who have exerted themselves in the Cause of their Country, are to be seized and sent to Great-Britain. Unhappy America! When thy Enemies are rewarded with Honors and Riches; but thy Friends punished and ruined only for asserting thy Rights, and pleading for thy Freedom.³



"But there are some persons who would... persuade the people never to make use of their constitutional rights..." SAMUEL ADAMS BOSTON. FEBRUARY 1769

Two days later, the British troops landed in Boston and took over key points, including Faneuil Hall.⁴ However, only one report could be found that the inhabitants were being disarmed:

Advices, so late as the 10th of October, mention...

That part of the troops had been quartered in the castle and barracks, and the remainder of them in some old empty houses. That the inhabitants had been ordered to bring in their arms, which in general they had complied with; and that those in possession of any after the expiration of a notice given them, were to take the consequences.⁵

It is difficult to imagine much compliance with such an order, especially since such reports were not widespread with extensive protests. However, disarming the colonists was clearly being contemplated. From London, "it is said orders well soon be given to prevent the exportation of either naval or military stores, gun-powder, &c. to any part of North-America."⁶

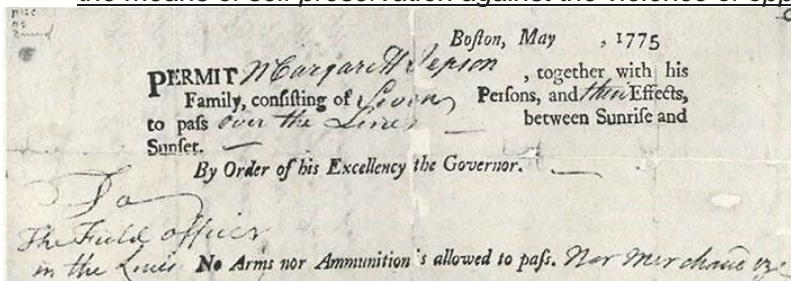
In an article he signed "E.A.," Samuel Adams recalled the English Bill of Rights as explained by Sir William Blackstone:

At the revolution, the British constitution was again restor'd to its original principles, declared inn the bill of rights; which was afterwards pass'd into a law, and stands as a bulwark to the natural rights of subjects. "To vindicate these rights, says Mr. Blackstone, when actually violated or attacked, the subjects of England are entitled first to the regular administration and free course of justice in the courts of law—next to the right of petitioning the King and parliament for redress of grievances—and lastly, to the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defence." These he calls "auxiliary subordinate rights, which serve principally as barriers to protect and maintain inviolate the three great and primary rights of personal security, personal liberty and private property": And that of having arms for their defense he tells us is "a public allowance, under due restrictions, of the natural right of resistance and self preservation, when the sanctions of society and laws are found insufficient to restrain the violence of oppression."—How little do those persons attend to the rights of the constitution, if they know anything about them, who find fault with a late vote of this town, calling upon the inhabitants to provide themselves with arms for their defence at any time; but more especially, when they had reason to fear, there would be a necessity of the means of self preservation against the violence of oppression.⁷



"... upon the inhabitants lodging their arms in Faneuil Hall (they).may depart ... from the town..." GEN. THOMAS GAGE BOSTON, APRIL 22, 1775

Adams made clear that private citizens could use arms to protect themselves from military oppression. He went on to point out that the same persons who opposed the right to have arms also opposed the right to petition:



A pass issued by order of British Gov. Gage forbade colonists from taking arms out of Boston during the seige.

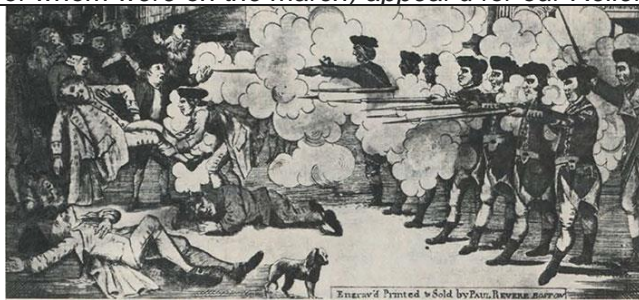
But there are some persons, who would, if possibly they could, persuade the people never to make use of their constitutional rights or terrify them from doing it. No wonder that a resolution of this town to keep arms for its own defence, should be represented as having at bottom a secret intention to oppose the landing of the King's troops: when those very persons, who gave it this colouring, had before represented the peoples petitioning their Sovereign, as proceeding from a factious and rebellious spirit...⁸

For the next half decade, the disputes escalated, from the shooting of civilians "armed" with sticks (what became known as the Boston Massacre in 1770), to the embargo on shipments of arms to America and the self-arming of the populace into militia in 1774. In September 1774, pro-British rulers in Boston proposed the disarming of the people, but the measure was voted down, perhaps because of the protest it would have evoked:

It is said, it was proposed in the Divan last Wednesday, that the inhabitants of this Town should be disarmed, and that some of the newfangled Counsellors consented thereto, but happily a majority was against it.—The report of this extraordinary measure having been put in Execution by the Soldiery was propagated through the Country, with some other exaggerated stories, and, by what we are told, if these Reports had not been contradicted, we should by this date have had 40 or 50,000 men from the Country (some of whom were on the march) appear'd for our Relief.^{8a}

Nonetheless, by early 1775, the British began a de facto policy of disarming the colonists.

What was actually going on may be exemplified by the experience of one Thomas Ditson, who was tarred and feathered by British soldiers. In his affidavit, Ditson claimed, “I enquired of some Townsmen who had any Guns to sell; one whom I did not know, replied he had a very fine Gun to sell.”⁹ Since the one who offered the gun was a soldier, Ditson continued:



The Boston Massacre: Fraying relations between the American colonists and armed British troops flamed into violence on March 5, 1770. ENGRAVING BY PAUL REVERE

I asked him if he had any right to sell it, he reply'd he had, and that, the Gun was his to dispose of at any time; J then ask'd him whether he tho't the Sentry would not take it from me at the Ferry, as I had heard that some Persons had their Guns taken from them, but never tho't there was any law against trading with a Soldier; . . . I told him I would give four Dollars if there was no risque in carrying it over the Ferry; he said there was not . . . I was afraid . . . that there was something not right . . . and left the Gun, and coming away he followed me and urg'd the Gun upon me. . . .¹⁰



“Disperse you Rebels—Damn you, throw down your Arms and Disperse.”
MAJ. JOHN PITCAIRN LEXINGTON,
APRIL 19, 1775

When he finally paid money to the soldier, several other soldiers appeared and seized Ditson, whom they proceeded to tar and feather. However, instead of entrapment, the soldier swore in his affidavit that it was a case of a rebel trying to obtain arms and urging a soldier to desert. The citizen said “that he would buy more Firelocks of the Deponent, and as many as he could get any other Soldier to sell him...”¹¹

The British were wise to the American game, and the following ammunition seizure reported from Boston also alleged that soldiers killed people along the road:

The Neck Guard seized 13,425 musket cartridges with ball, (we suppose through the information of some dirty scoundrel, of which we have now many among us) and about 300 lb. of ball, which we were carrying into the country—this was private property. —The owner applied to the General first, but he absolutely refused to deliver it.¹²

The Revolutionary War was sparked when militiamen exercising at Lexington refused to give up their arms. The widely published American account of April 19, 1775, began with the order shouted by a British officer:

“Disperse you Rebels—Damn you. throw down your Arms and disperse.” Upon which the Troops huzz'd, and immediately one or two Officers discharged their Pistols, which were instantaneously followed by the Firing of four or five of the Soldiers, then there seemed to be a general discharge from the whole Body.¹³

Three days later Gen. Gage represented to the Selectmen of Boston that “there was a large body of men in arms” hostilely assembled, and that the inhabitants could be injured if the soldiers attacked.¹⁴ The next day a town committee met with Gage, who promised “that upon the inhabitants in general lodging their arms in Faneuil Hall, or any other convenient place, under the care of the Selectmen, marked with the names of the respective owners, that all such inhabitants as are inclined, may depart from the town... And that the arms aforesaid at a suitable time would be return'd to the owners.”¹⁵

Bostonians proceeded to turn in 1778 muskets, 634 pistols, 973 bayonets and 38 blunderbusses.¹⁶ However, when “the inhabitants gave up their arms and ammunition—to the care of the Selectmen: the General then set a guard over the arms...”¹⁷ Gage then refused to permit the people to leave. “The same day a town meeting was to be held in Boston, when the inhabitants were determined to demand the arms they had deposited in the hands of the select men, or have liberty to leave town.”¹⁸

An anonymous patriot addressed “the perfidious, the truce-breaking Thomas Gage” as follows: But the single breach of the capitulation with them [the people of Boston], after they had religiously fulfilled their part, must brand your name and memory with eternal infamy—the proposal came from you to the inhabitants by the medium of one of your officers, through the Selectmen, and was, that if the inhabitants would deposit their fire-arms

in the hands of the Selectmen, to be returned to them after a reasonable time, you would give leave to the inhabitants to remove out of town with all their effects, without any let or molestation. The town punctually complied, and you remain an infamous monument of perfidy, for which an Arab, Wild Tartar or Savage would despise you!!!¹⁹
On June 12, Gage proclaimed martial law and offered a pardon to all who would lay down their arms except Samuel Adams and John Hancock.²⁰ A patriot responded with a poem entitled “Tom Gage's Proclamation,” which told how the general had sent an expedition “the men of Concord to disarm” and how he afterwards reflected:

Yet e'er I draw the vengeful sword, I have thought fit to send abroad, This present gracious Proclamation, Of purpose mild the demonstration; That whoseoe'er keeps gun or pistol, I'll spoil the motion of his systole; Or, whip his breech, or cut his weason As has the measure of his Treason:-But every one that will lay down His hanger bright, and musket brown, Shall not be beat, nor bruis'd not bang'd, Much less for past offences, hang'd, But on surrendering his toledo, Go to and fro unhurt as we do:—But then I must, out of this plan, lock Both SAMUEL ADAMS and JOHN HANCOCK; For those vile traitors (like debentures) Must be truck'd up at all adventures; As any proffer of a pardon, Would only tend those rogues to harden:— But every other mother's son, The instant he destroys his gun, (For thus doth run the King's command) May, if he will, come kiss my hand.—
Meanwhile let all, and every one Who loves his life, foresake his gun.²¹

Gage's seizures and attempts to seize the guns, pistols, Brown Bess muskets and swords known as hangers and toledos of the individual citizens of Boston who were not even involved in the hostilities sent a message to all of the colonists that the right to keep and bear private arms was in a perilous condition. A report from London that the British were coming to seize the arms of all the colonists hit the headlines in Virginia and Maryland:

It is reported, that on the landing of the General Officers, who have sailed for America, a proclamation will be published throughout the provinces inviting the Americans to deliver up their arms by a certain stipulated day; and that such of the colonists as are afterwards proved to carry arms shall be deemed rebels, and be punished accordingly.²²

The final break came when the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Causes of Taking Up Arms on July 6, 1775, which had been drafted by Thomas Jefferson and John Dickinson and which complained:
It was stipulated that the said inhabitants having deposited their arms with their own magistrates, should have liberty to depart. . . .They accordingly delivered up their arms, but in open violation of honor, in defiance of the obligations of treaties, which even savage nations esteem sacred, the governor ordered the arms deposited as aforesaid, that they might be preserved for the owners, to be seized by a body of soldiers. . .

Debate now turned to war, and William Knox's 1777 plan that “the Arms of all the People should be taken away” was far too late, had it ever been possible.

The above is only a small portion of newspaper extracts showing British attempts to disarm the Americans in the years 1768-1775. The grievances expressed led to the adoption of right to bear arms guarantees in the state Declarations of Rights beginning in 1776 and the federal Second Amendment in 1789.

The British resorted to every possible tactic to disarm the Americans—entrapment, false promises of “safekeeping,” banning imports, direct seizure and finally shooting persons bearing arms. As the Bicentennial of the Second Amendment approaches, the American people must make a renewed commitment to understand the historical origins of the Bill of Rights, in order to preserve their liberties.

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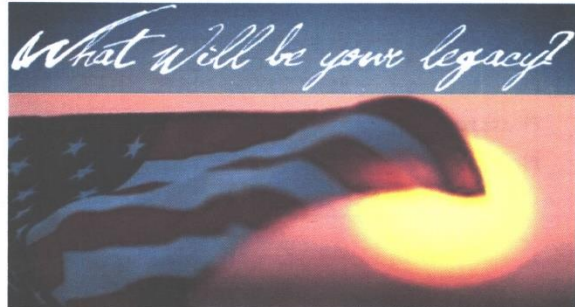
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