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TWENTYFOUR SHILLINGS



AUG¹⁸ 18.1775.

1. What is the document above? A 24 Shilling note
2. When was it printed? August 18, 1775
3. What is the man holding in his hands? A sword and the Magna Charta
4. What is the "Magna Charta"? Declaration of British Rights (see notes)
5. What does it have to do with "American Liberty"? The colonists wanted their rights as British citizens as guaranteed by the Magna Charta and were ready to defend those rights. Note the slogan: "Issued in defence of American Liberty"

Magna Charta (Latin for Great Charter), also called The Great Charter of the Liberties of England, was sealed under oath by King John at Runnymede, on the bank of the River Thames near Windsor, England, on 15 June 1215. Magna Carta was the first document imposed upon a King of England by a group of his subjects, the feudal barons, in an attempt to limit his powers by law and protect their rights. The charter is widely known throughout the English speaking world as an important part of the protracted historical process that led to the rule of constitutional law in England and beyond.