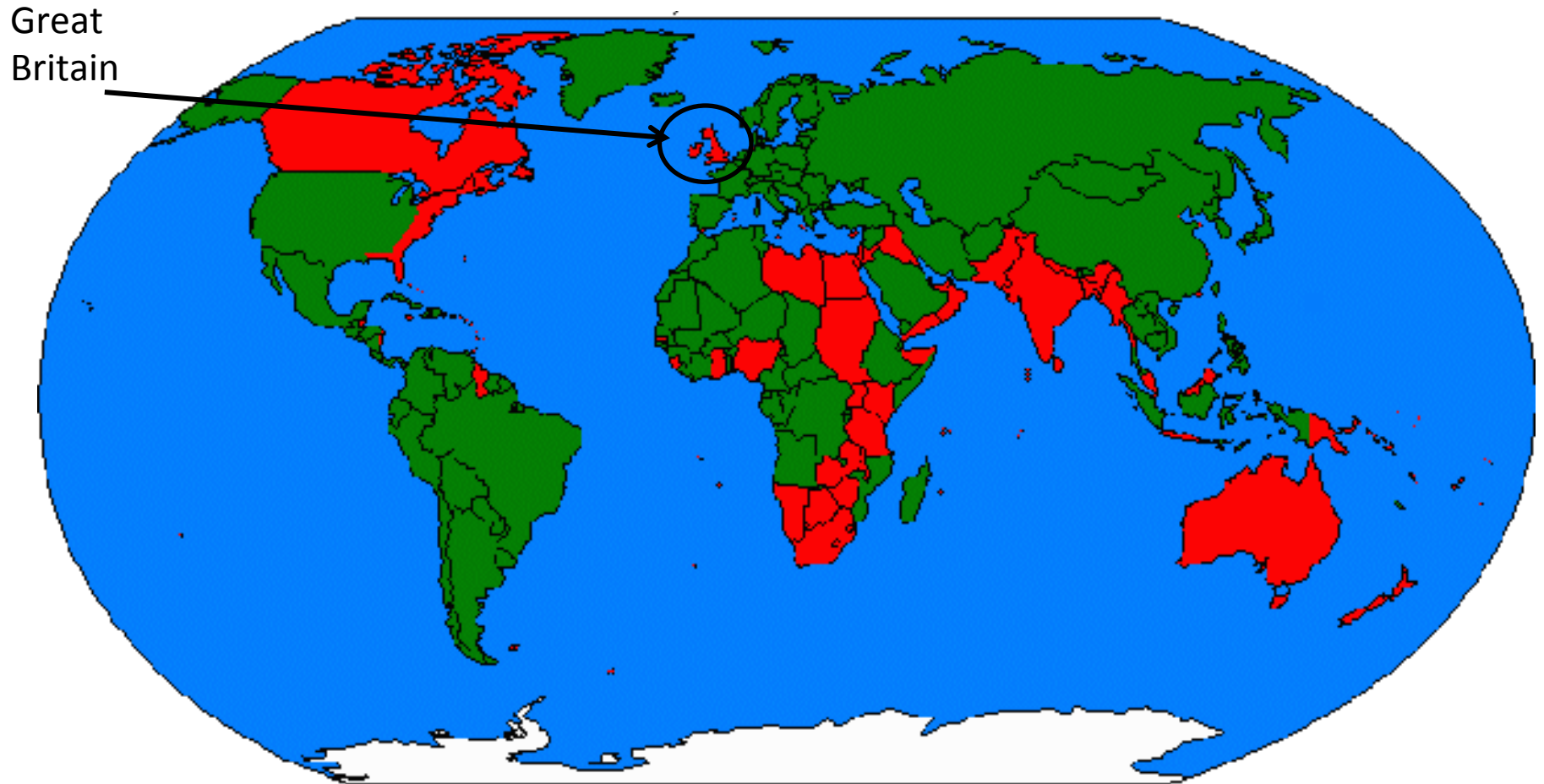


England vs. the Colonies

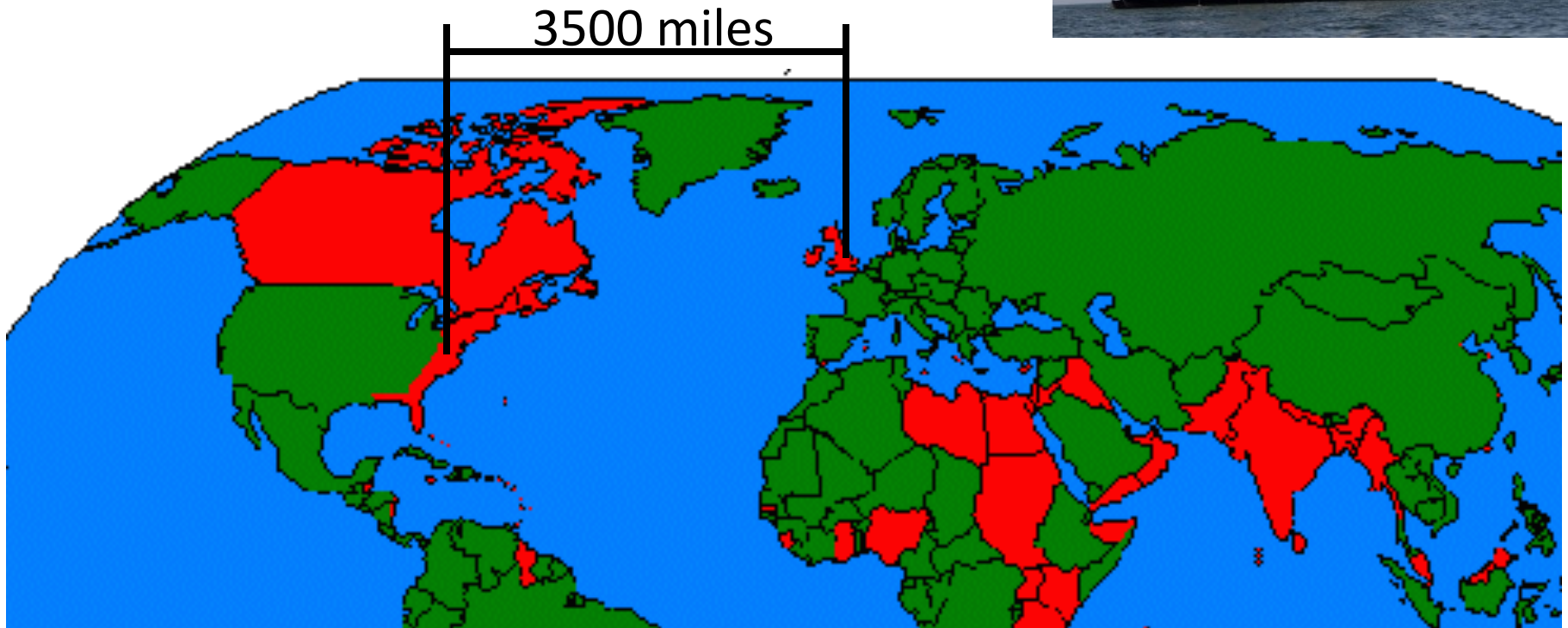
In what ways do time and distance cause the colonists in the Americas to diverge from the English in England?

The British Empire



The Distance

- Total distance from London, England to New York, New York is about **3500 miles**.
- Travel time by ocean going vessels took up to 4 month one way (**8 months round trip**).



The Time

1754: Battle of Fort Necessity
- 1607: Jamestown established

147 years of self government

Jamestown, 1607



Fort Necessity, 1754



A People Diverged

After 147 years and across 3500 miles, the ideas, politics, and society of **England and the Colonies have diverged** (become different). At first, the Colonists don't realize this. They don't understand why people in England are suspicious of them.

Diverged:
Government – Self Rule
Society – Low Class



Diverged: Government

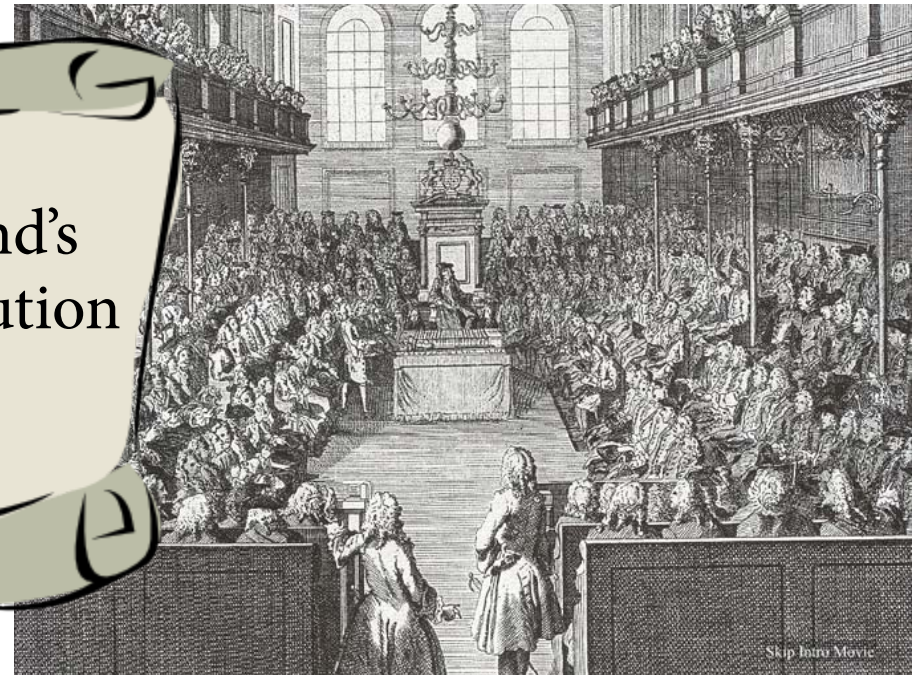
England's Government

England was ruled by a **Constitutional Monarchy**. The power of the King or Queen was limited by a written Constitution that gave some power to Parliament.

Parliament is the legislative branch and was representative but not elected.

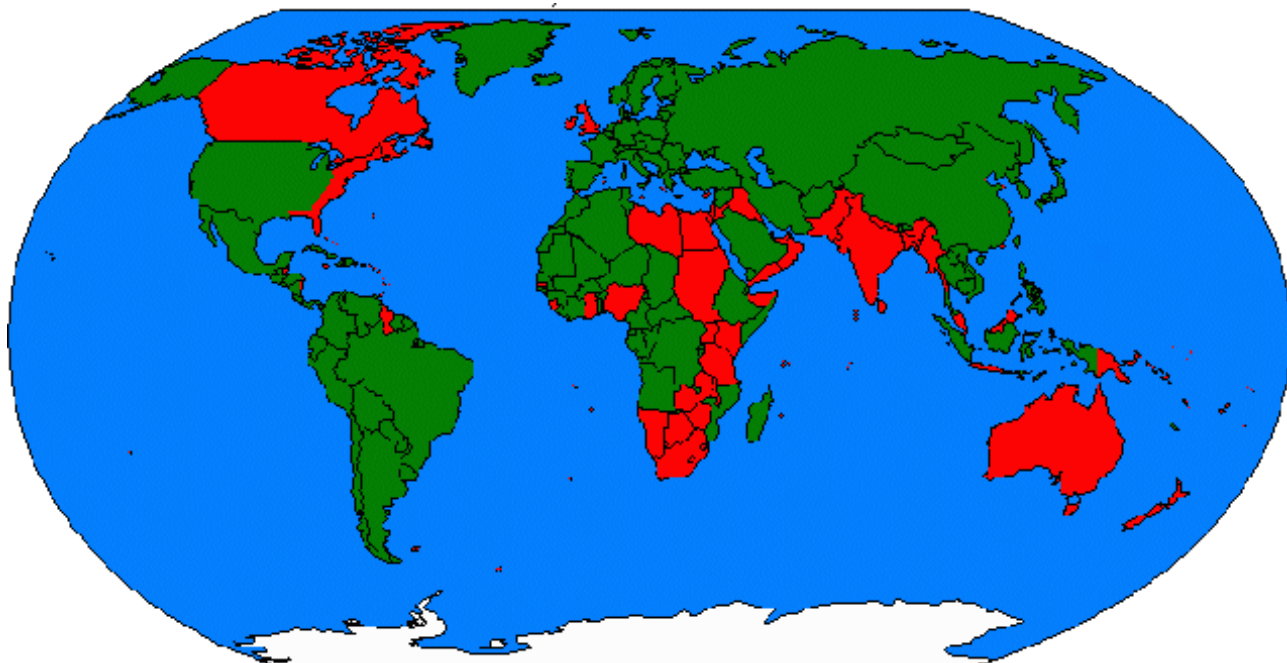


England's
Constitution



Technically...

Technically, even though they are an ocean away, the **Colonists still fall under the rule of the King and Parliament.** However, because Britain has been busy running an empire, the Colonists have been allowed to govern themselves.



Colonial Governments

Colonial Governor

- Appointed by the King in England
- Officially the final say on all matters in the colonies
- One per colony = 13 total

Council

- A group of men, usually appointed by governor in each colony
- Advised governor in all matters
- Also acted as Supreme Court in their colony

Royal Officials

- Appointed by Parliament to enforce and carry legal duties in colonies

Assembly

- Elected by the people of the colony (*House of Burgesses*)
- All matters of money and taxation start in the Assembly

Who's Got the Power?

Which part of the Colonial Government is the most powerful?
Who would you want to be?

Colonial Governor

Council Member

Royal Official

Assembly Member



The Assembly

The Assembly is the most powerful force in the Colonial Governments:

- Each Colonial Assembly writes a constitution for their own colony.
- If an Assembly didn't like the Colonial Governor, they would simply refuse to pay him.
- Assemblies had the most powerful influence over the opinion of the general public in the colonies as well.



Meeting of the Assembly in the Settlement of Virginia.

Diverged: Society

English Society

King/Queen

Royalty

Titled Gentry

Gentry (Land Owner)

Trade (Business Owner)

Servant

Peasant

How the Colonists See Themselves



How the English see the Colonists



THAT'S SUSPICIOUS...



Question:

How are the English in the colonies different from the English in England?

5 Sentences:

1 = Thesis

2-4 = Support

5 = Conclusion