Mad King George

Every story, even the ones found in history books, needs a bad guy. For the colonists, their baddie was King George III, not-so-affectionately nicknamed "Mad King George."

Take a look at the list below. Each is a real accusation colonists made against the monarch. Imagine you are the king's public representative. It's your job to keep the king's subjects happy with their king. What would you write to the colonists in response to their accusations? (Nobody said it was an easy job!)

Accusations against King George III:

1. Acting like a tyrant by seizing personal power from Britain's Parliament
2. Ignoring all of the colonists' complaints and requests
3. Plundering and ravaging the ships of honest colonial tradesmen
4. Destroying the lives of the colonists

Dear Colonists,

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