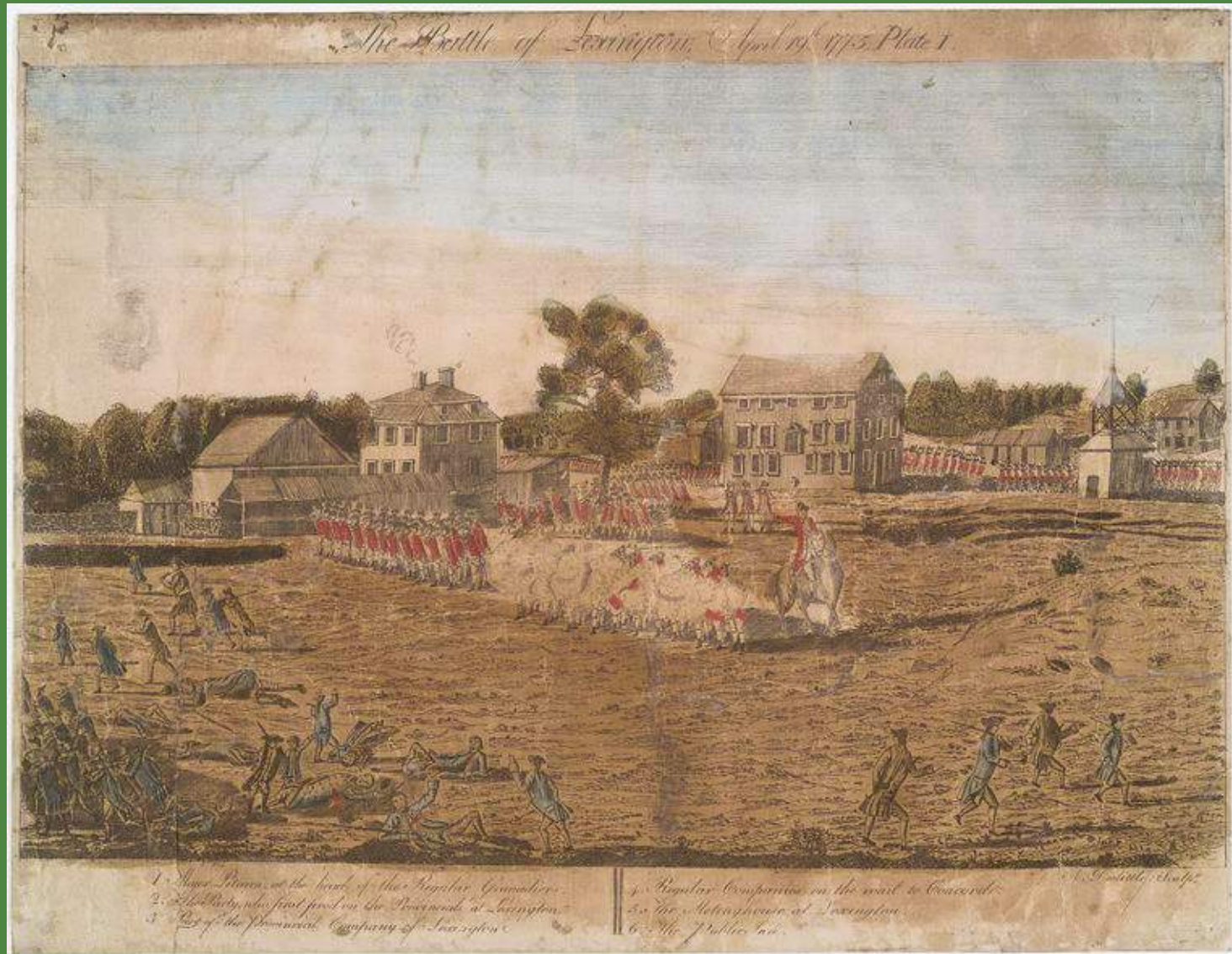
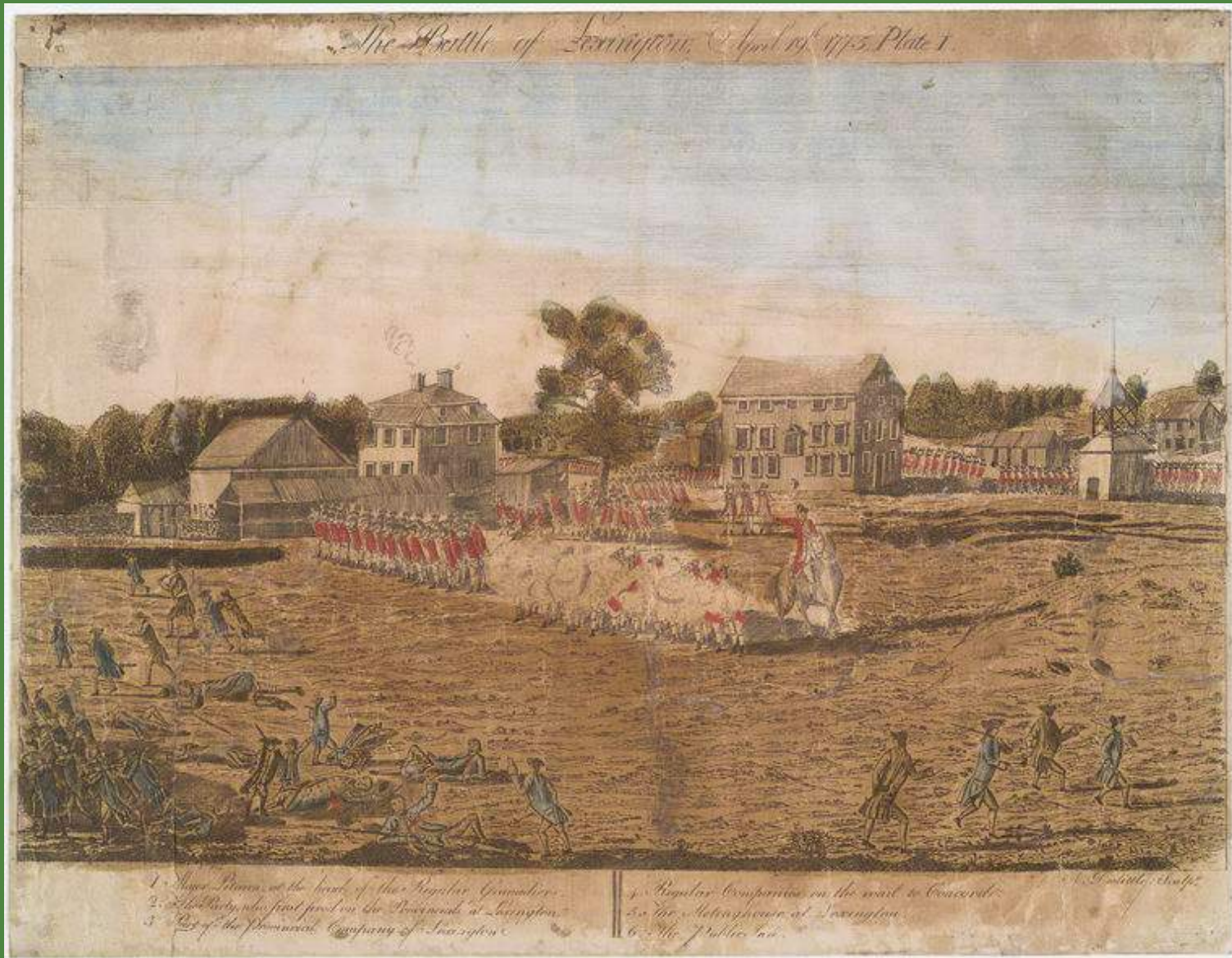


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Some events that occurred in the American Revolution included clockwise from top left to right: Battle of Bunker Hill, the death of General Montgomery at the Battle of Quebec, the Battle of Cowpens, and the Battle of Cape St. Vincent. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

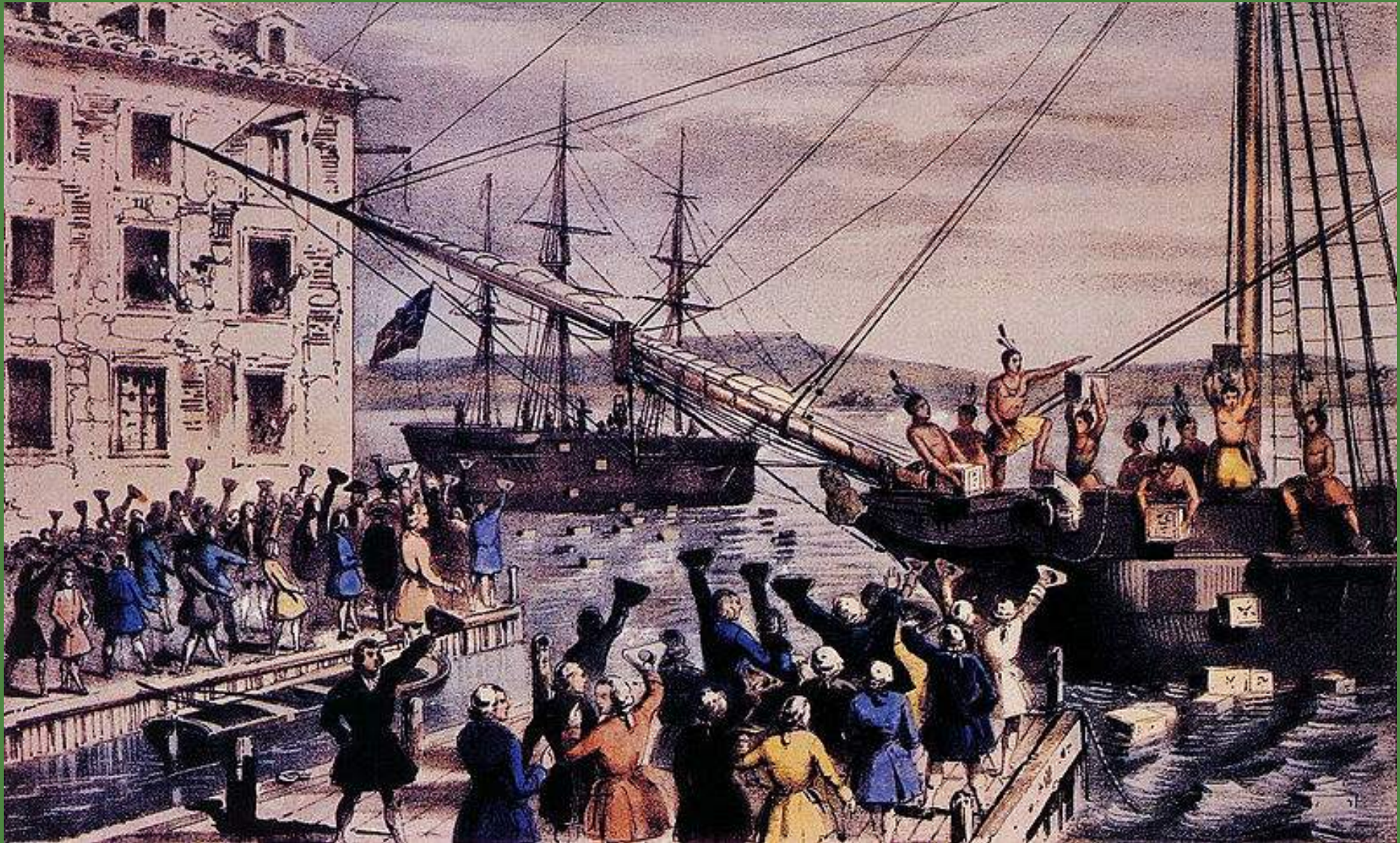
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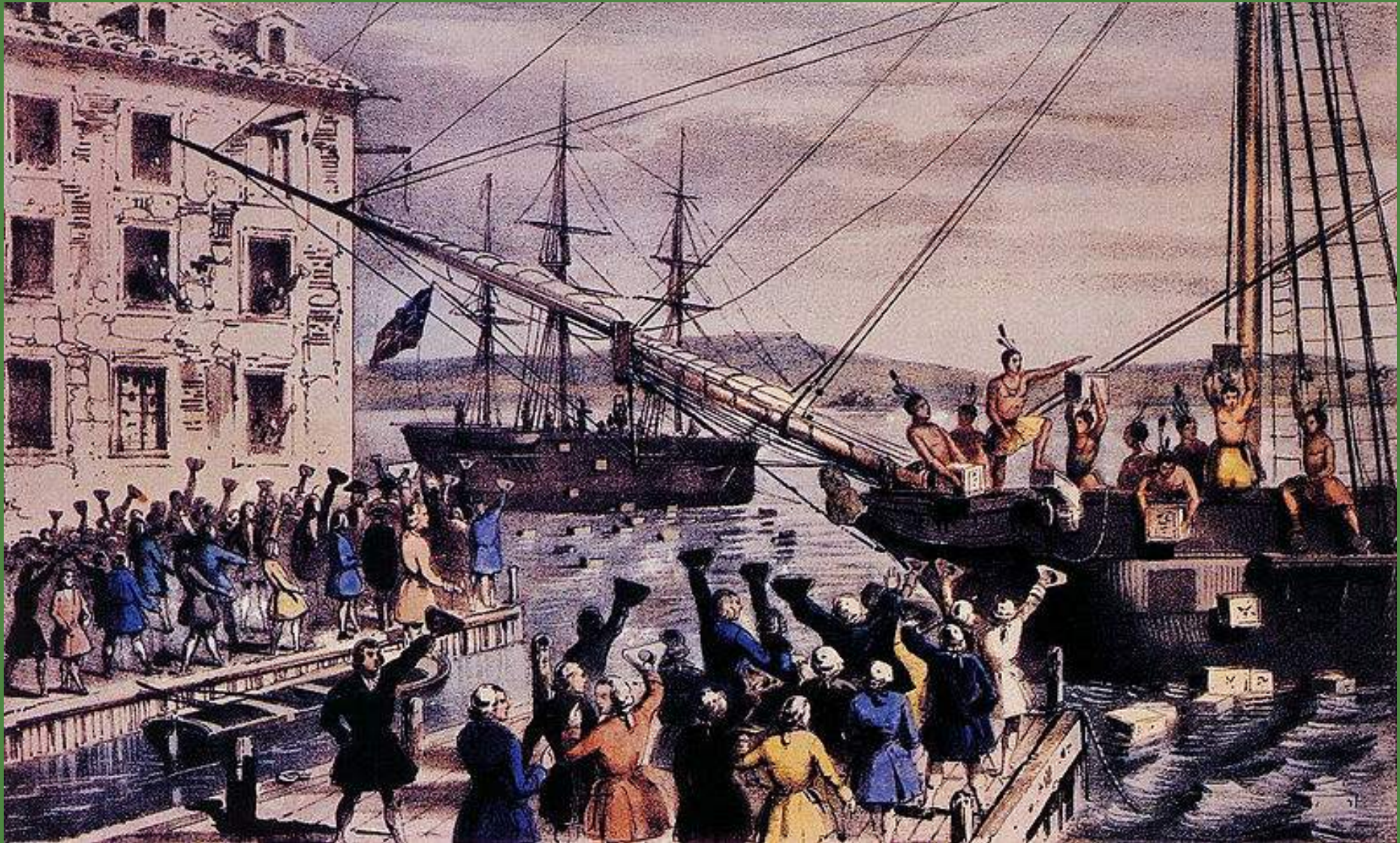
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One of the **Intolerable Acts** closed the Port of Boston until payment was made for the tea thrown into Boston Harbor.



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To make leather, a **tanner** would soak the animal skin in a hot liquid which contained the bark of a tree, such as an oak or a hemlock.



The bark would be chopped up before being placed into the liquid which also contained wood ash. Today many people substitute leaves instead of bark. This image is courtesy of [merchantandmakers.com](http://merchantandmakers.com).

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## People to Meet



American colonists confront British soldiers in a painting by E. Percy Moran (1862-1935) titled "The First Resistance." This image is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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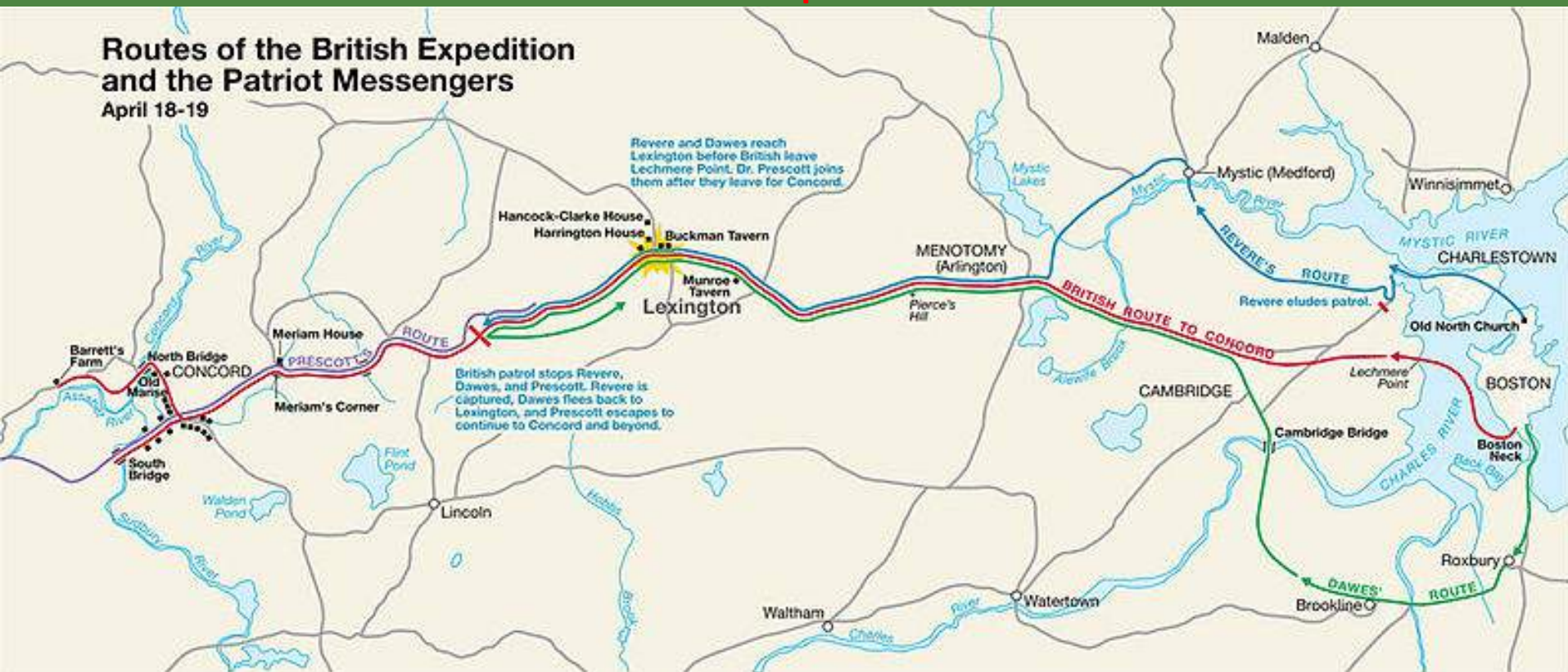
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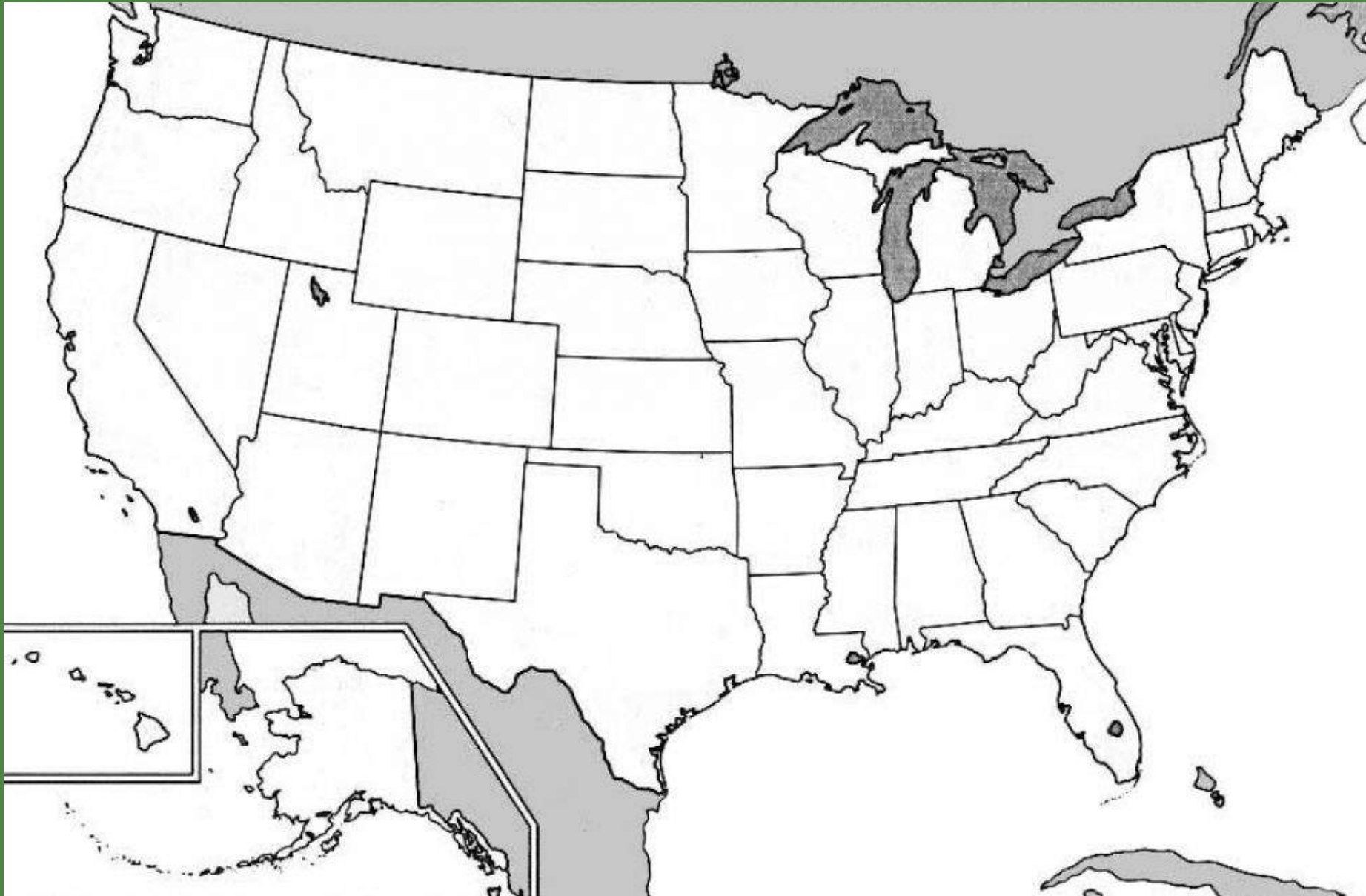


This map is oriented to the north, or is facing in the direction of north. Boston is on the far right or east. Concord is on the far left or west. It is approximately 20 miles from Boston to Concord. This image is courtesy of the National Park Service.



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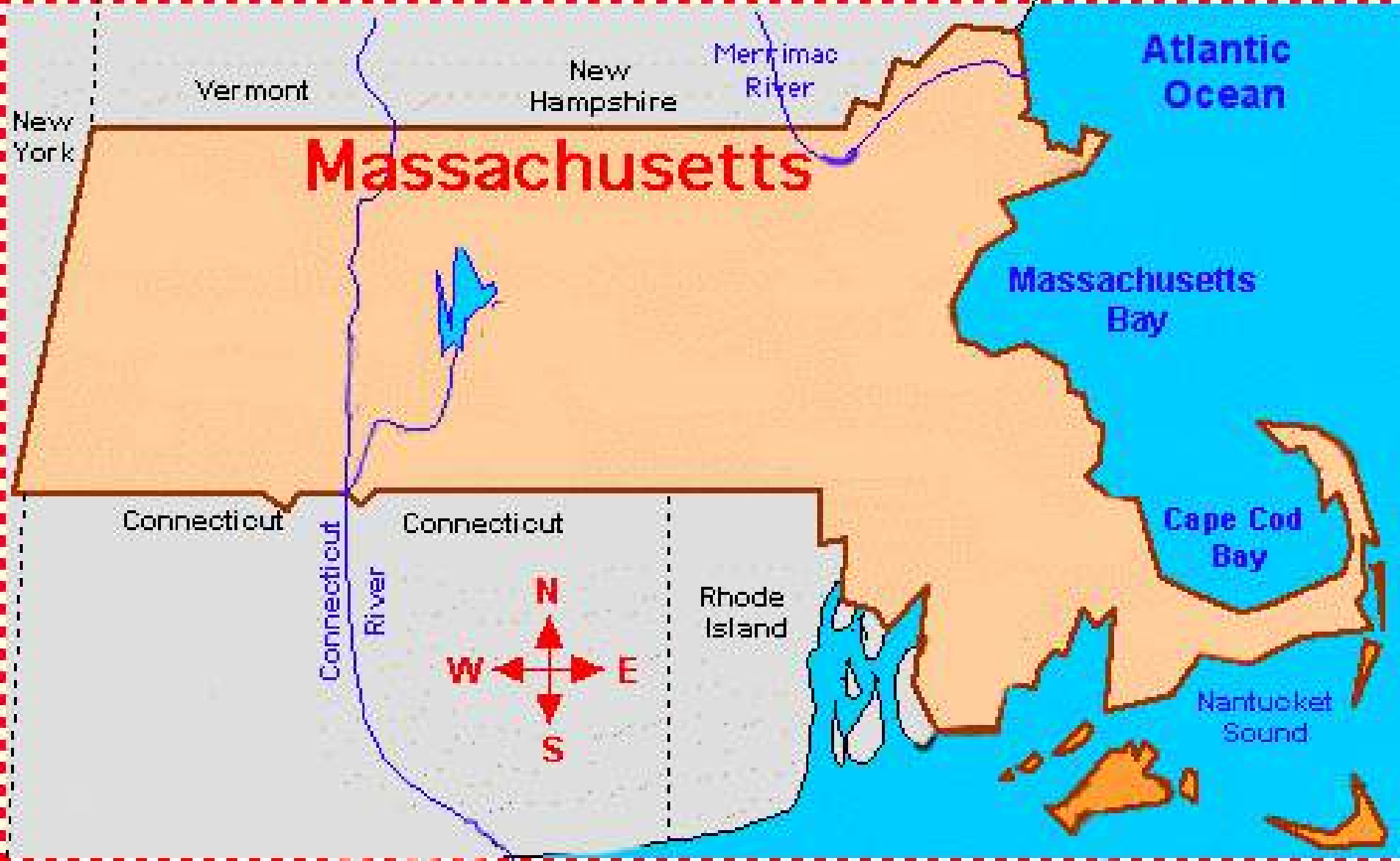


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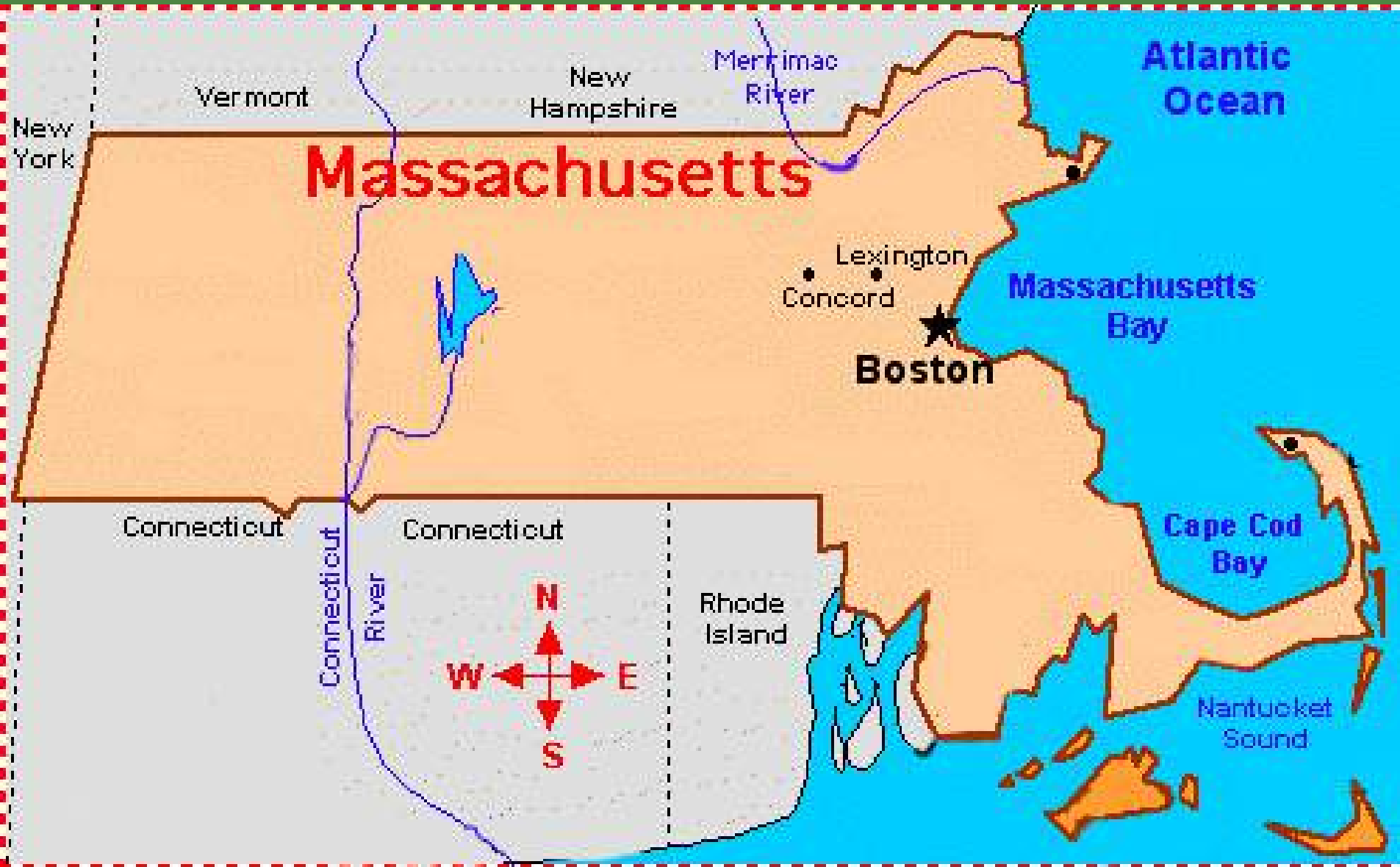
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Boston is the largest city in Massachusetts, and is the capital of Massachusetts. The image is courtesy of [mhamemberlodge.com](http://mhamemberlodge.com).

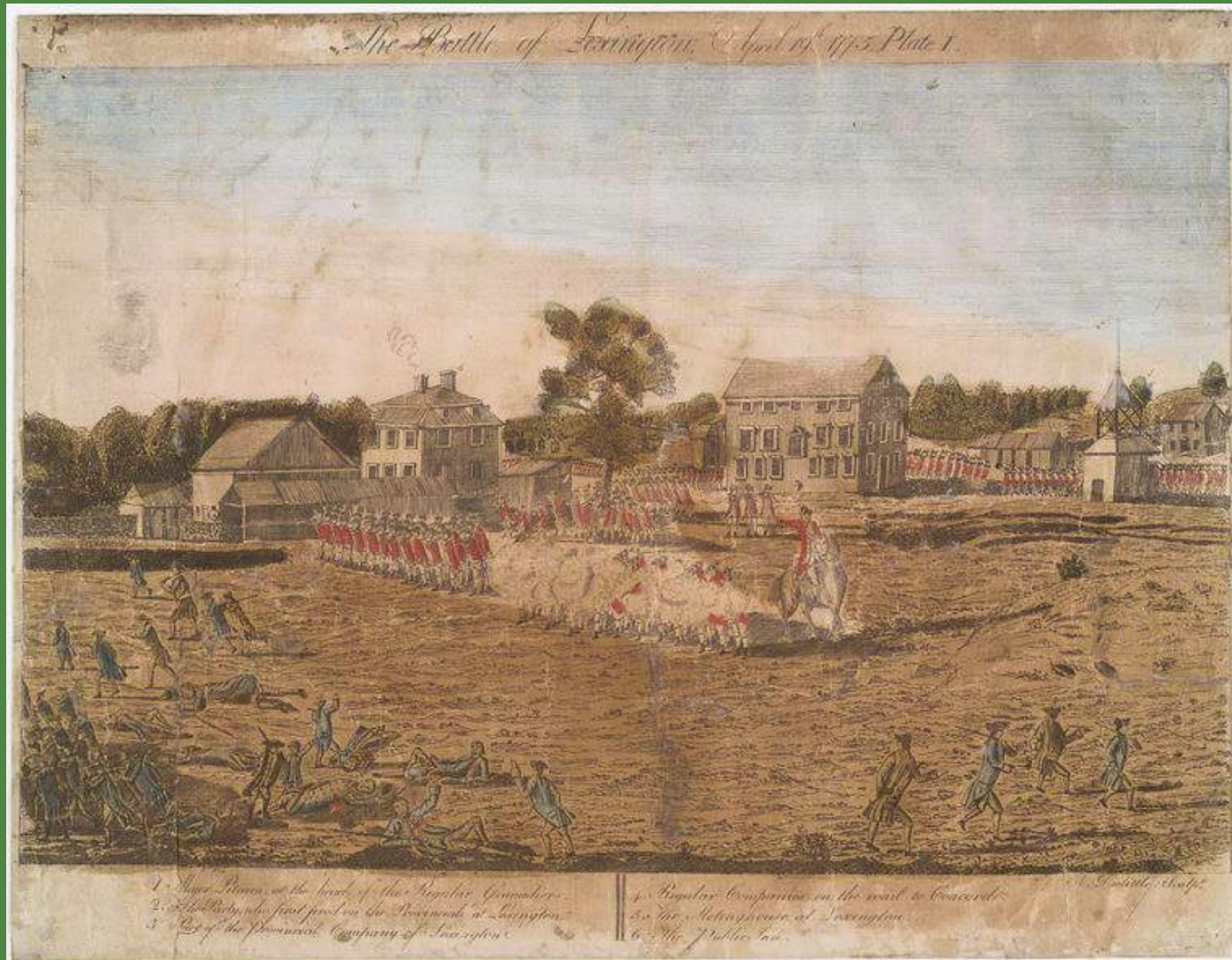
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