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- In May 1775 representatives met in Philadelphia.
- Some delegates were John and Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.
- The Continental Congress began to govern by creating the Continental Army to fight England in a more organized manner and selected George Washington to be its commander.
- They wrote the Olive Branch Petition and sent it to King George assuring him the colonists wanted peace as long as the King protected colonists' rights. The King refused & hired German mercenaries to fight with the English troops.
- They wrote the Articles of Confederation as the rules for governing the colonies.