## Thomas Gage

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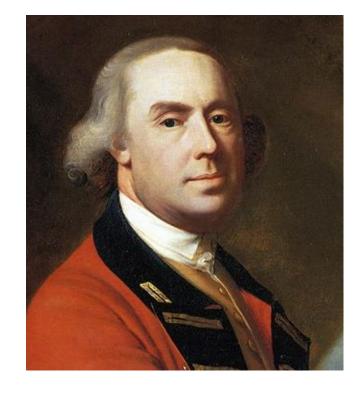
## **Thomas Gage**

- Born 1721 England
- Died April 2, 1787 (aged 66) England
- Title Office governor (1774-1775), Massachusetts
- Role In American Revolution,

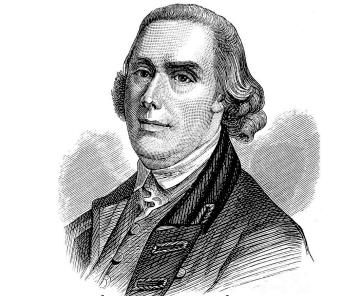
Battle of Bunker Hill

Battles of Lexington and Concord

**Intolerable Acts** 



## Early life and military career



- Fought on the side of the British at the Battles of Lexington and Concord and the Battle of Bunker Hill
- He basically started the Revolutionary War by going to arrest a couple of colonial leaders hiding in Concord. Along the way, colonial minutemen attacked his men and he fought back killing many colonists.
- He then went on to attack Bunker Hill outside of Boston killing hundreds of colonists whiling losing three times more of his men before he won the battle by sheer numbers. After this battle the war was on!

## Command in North America and outbreak of the American Revolution

- In 1763 Gage succeeded Amherst as commander in chief of all British forces in North America
- Headquartered in New York, he ran a vast military machine of more than 50 garrisons and stations stretching from Newfoundland to Florida and from Bermuda to the Mississippi.
- He exhibited both patience and tact in handling matters of diplomacy, trade, communication, Native American relations, and western boundaries.
- His great failure, however, was in his assessment of the burgeoning independence movement. As the main permanent adviser to the mother country in that period, he sent critical and unsympathetic reports that did much to harden the attitude of successive ministries toward the colonies.



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