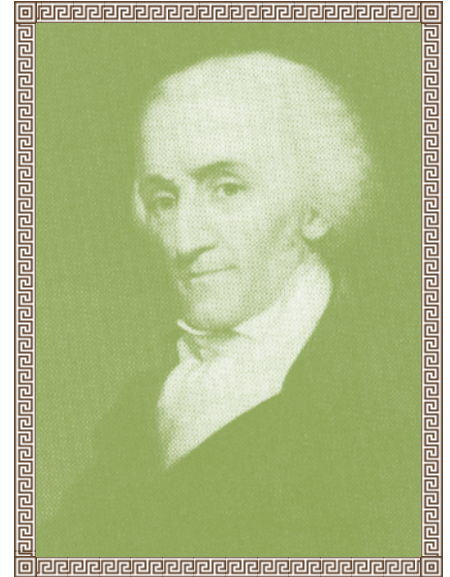


# ELBRIDGE GERRY



**STATE** - Massachusetts

**AGE** - 32 (Born: 7/17/1744)

**Home** - Marblehead, Massachusetts

**Education** - Harvard College

**Family** - 1 Marriage, 7 Children

**Jobs before Congress** - Businessman, Legislator

**What he is like** - Patriot, Stubborn, Feisty, Suspicious

**WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA** - With Sam Adams

**BEFORE THE CONGRESS** After graduating from college, Elbridge Gerry joined his father and two brothers in the family business of exporting dried codfish to Spain. In 1772, he entered the colonial legislature and made friends with Sam Adams. Elbridge became a great Patriot and worked hard in the Independence Movement. On the night before the Battle of Lexington and Concord, he barely missed being captured by the British.

**AT THE CONGRESS** Elbridge Gerry entered the Continental Congress in 1776. He served on committees having to do with military and financial matters. For trying to help the Continental Army get more money, he earned the nickname, "soldiers' friend."

**DATE OF DEATH** 11/23/1814, (70 Years Old)

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**CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:** You like Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. However, when delegates object to the passage in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People and others object to the passage that is critical of slavery, you agree to take the two passages out of Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration.

**AT THE SIGNING:** When the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, vote aye for the Declaration of Independence.*

A cursive signature of Elbridge Gerry in green ink, written in a flowing, elegant style.