

Hey, King: Get Off Our Backs!

Name: _____



magistracy = office of the local government official

gaol = jail

comptroller = public official who manages government finances

900l. sterling = £900, or about \$162,000 (based on how much things used to cost)

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By letters received from Boston in New-England, there is an account of a dangerous mob, which arose in the middle of August, on account of the stamp duty, and did considerable mischief; but on the 16th of August they were more violent than before, which continued till Sunday the 1st of September, by which time the magistracy had raised and armed five-hundred men, and had committed several of the rioters to gaol,--but not till they had destroyed all the goods and papers of the comptroller, judge of the admiralty, distributor of the stamps, as well as every individual article in the house of the lieutenant governor ... even to the uncovering his house, burning all his books and papers, carrying off even his clothes, as well as those of his sister and daughter, putting them on by way of masquerade, [taking] 900l. sterling in cash, scarce leaving him any more than the shirt he had on.