Isaac Wilkins was a vocal and adamant Loyalist in New York who published pro-British newspaper essays and pamphlets as the "Westchester Farmer." With other opponents of rebellion he issued a declaration in April 1775 to "express our honest abhorrence of all unlawful congresses and committees, and that we are determined at the hazard of our lives and properties to support the King and [English Constitution]" [Rivington’s New-York Gazetteer, 20 April 1775]. After residing in Nova Scotia for several years, he returned to New York where his Long Island farm was destroyed by American soldiers. Unlike many Loyalists, however, Wilkins established his post-revolution life in America. He died in New York in 1830.¹
In May 1774, Boston-area Loyalists sent letters of gratitude and farewell to the departing royal governor of Massachusetts, Thomas Hutchinson. In addition to praising his moderate administration, they entreated him to use his influence in "moderating the resentment of the Government against us."

A year later, after the outbreak of war in April 1775, some of the men were called before the Patriot Committee of Safety to recant the statements, apologize to their countrymen, and vow to support the Patriot cause. This is one of several recantation broadsides published that month.

(The obscured place of printing is Queen Street, Boston.)
I do acknowledge the UNITED STATES of AMERICA to be Free, Independent and Sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the Third, King of Great-Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him; and I do that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the Third, his heirs and successors, and his or their abettors, agents and adherents, and will serve the said United States in the office of which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill and understanding.

Blank form for affirmation of allegiance to the United States of America on assuming an office in the government, printed by the Second Continental Congress, Philadelphia, 1776

I solemnly swear, that I DO renounce, refuse, and abjure any Allegiance, or Obedience to George the III. King of Great-Britain; and that I will to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend the INDEPENDENCE of all the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, as the same was set forth by the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, in their Declaration of the fourth of July 1776. And, I DO promise that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to the State of New-Hampshire during my Residency therein; and will disclose and make known to some Magistrate acting under said State, all Treasons and Conspiracies, which I shall known to be against the UNITED STATES, or any one of them, as Indispensable of the Crown of Great-Britain. And these Things I DO swear according to the plain and common sense of the Words, without any Equivocation, or secret Reservation whatsoever; upon the true Faith of a Christian. So help me GOD.

Blank form for renunciation of allegiance to Britain and King George, and affirmation of allegiance to the State of New Hampshire, 1776