

Texas Declaration of Independence Grievances Matching Cards

(1) "It has sacrificed our welfare to the state of Coahuila...carried on at a far distant seat of government, by a hostile majority, in an unknown tongue... we have petitioned in the humblest terms for the establishment of a separate state government...which was, without just cause, contemptuously rejected."

(C) The people of Texas had little political power because they were joined with the larger and more powerful state of Coahuila. When Texas asked to be its own state, the Mexican government had refused.

(2) "It incarcerated in a dungeon, for a long time, one of our citizens, for no other cause but a zealous endeavor to procure the acceptance of our constitution, and the establishment of a state government."

(F) The centralist government unfairly imprisoned Stephen F. Austin because he had recommended Texas establish a state government even without permission from Mexico City.

(3) "It has suffered the military commandants, stationed among us, to exercise arbitrary acts of oppression and tyranny, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizens, and rendering the military superior to the civil power."

(B) The centralist government established military forts in Texas that have too much power. The military at these forts have treated the Texans unfairly.

(4) "It has dissolved, by force of arms, the state Congress of Coahuila and Texas, and obliged our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation."

(G) The centralist government forcefully ended the representative government of Coahuila y Tejas. Our representatives had to flee for safety from the centralists.

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(5) "It denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a national religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God."

(E) The Mexican government doesn't allow people to practice the religion of their choosing because everyone must be Catholic.

(6) "It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence [*sic*], the rightful property of freemen, and formidable only to tyrannical governments."

(A) The centralist government has tried to make us turn in our guns, but we need them to protect ourselves and we have a right to self-protection.

(7) "It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with intent to lay waste our territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing, to carry on against us a war of extermination."

(H) The centralist government has already sent troops to Texas and now Santa Anna's army is marching here to try to destroy the people of Texas and our land.

(8) "It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the Interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the constitution."

(D) The centralist government has ordered the arrest of many Texans and told the military to take these people out of Texas for a trial. This disrespects the laws of Texas and the country.