It really is about who is going to govern, who is in charge, and will it be the company and the parliament who know better or will be the people in the towns of Massachusetts?

And that's really what the revolution is about. This is why John Adams says the revolution was accomplished before a drop of blood was spilled at Lexington Green. And it really is a change in the way people think, not a change, but a continuing thinking about we govern ourselves. So that is really the issue. It's what makes it such an event, not just because of the event,
but then parliament then cracks down on Massachusetts,

suspends the government, closes the port.

Town meetings, no longer choose local officials.

They will be chosen by the governor and it is an end to self-government in 1774.

that then triggers the reaction from Massachusetts.

and the other colonies in 1775 and 1776.

So without this event, you don't have independence.

John Adams said that the destruction of the tea

was the most magnificent movement of all,

that this would be an apoca in history.

The people should never rise, he said, without doing something to be remembered.

And this was such a great event.
He knew it would be remembered.