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New Hampshire to 1776

Making Sense of the Colonial Era

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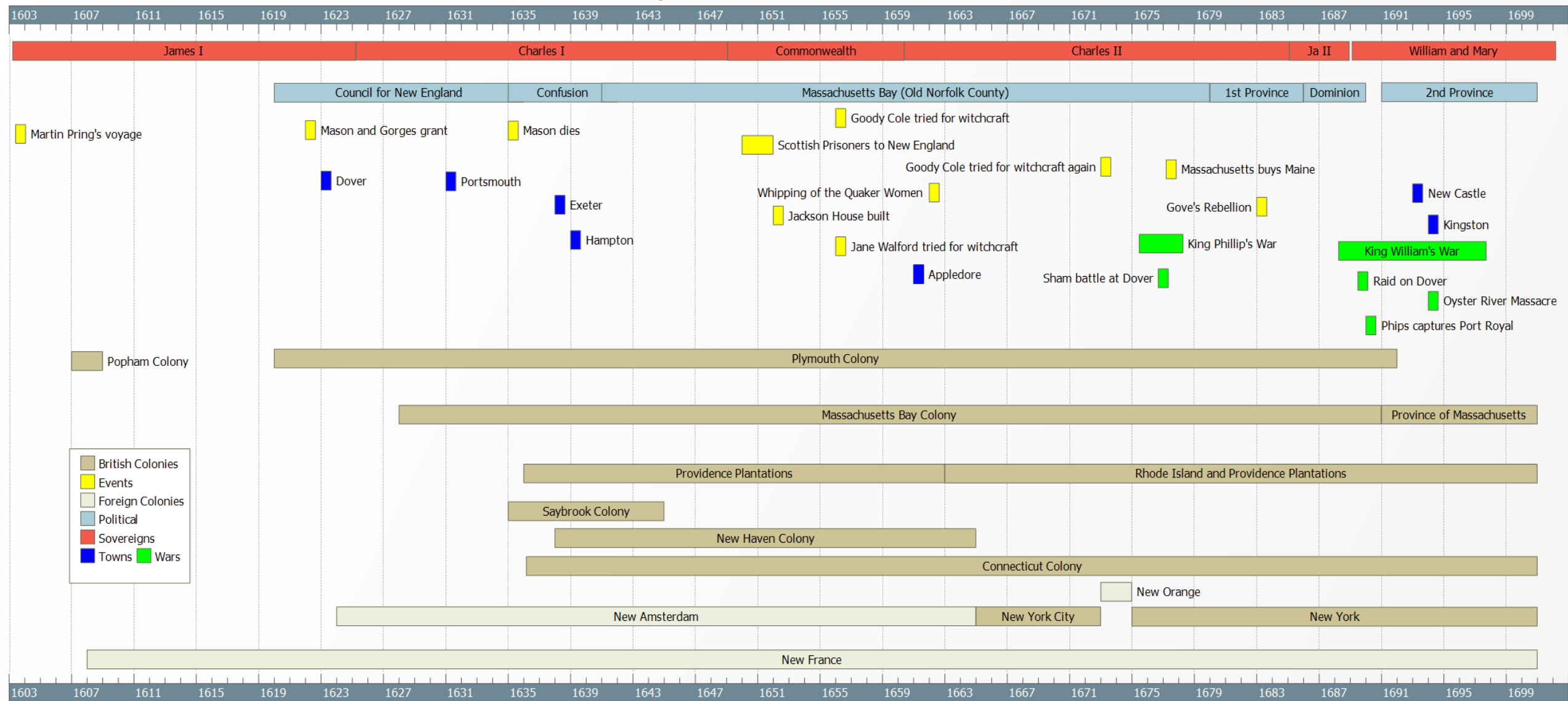
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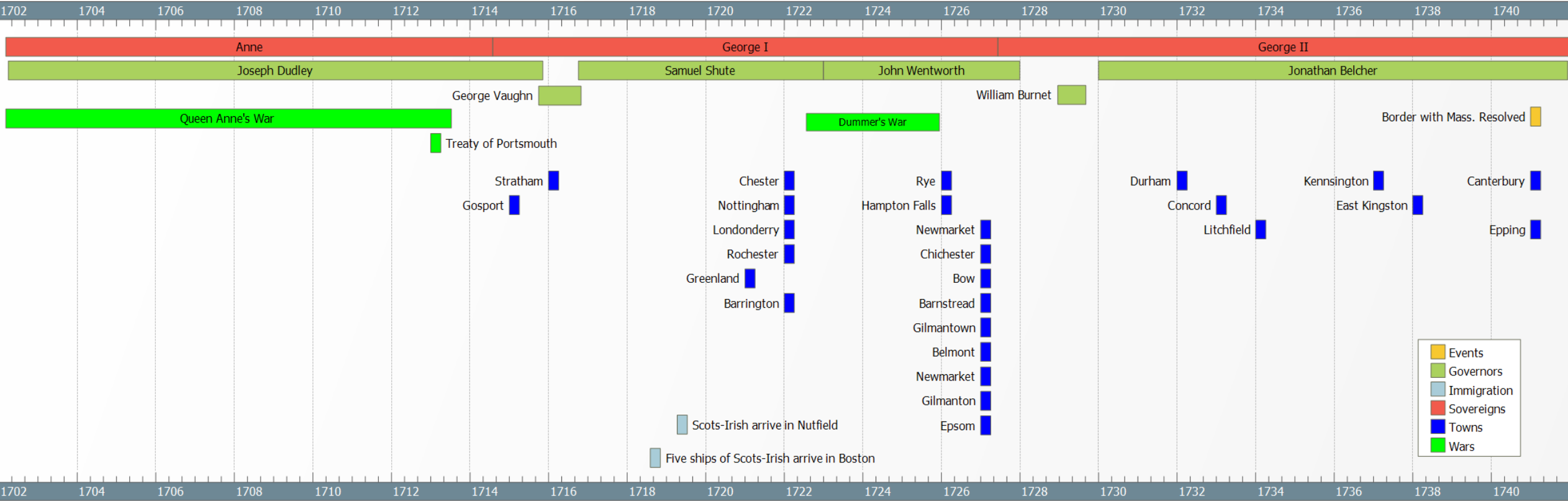
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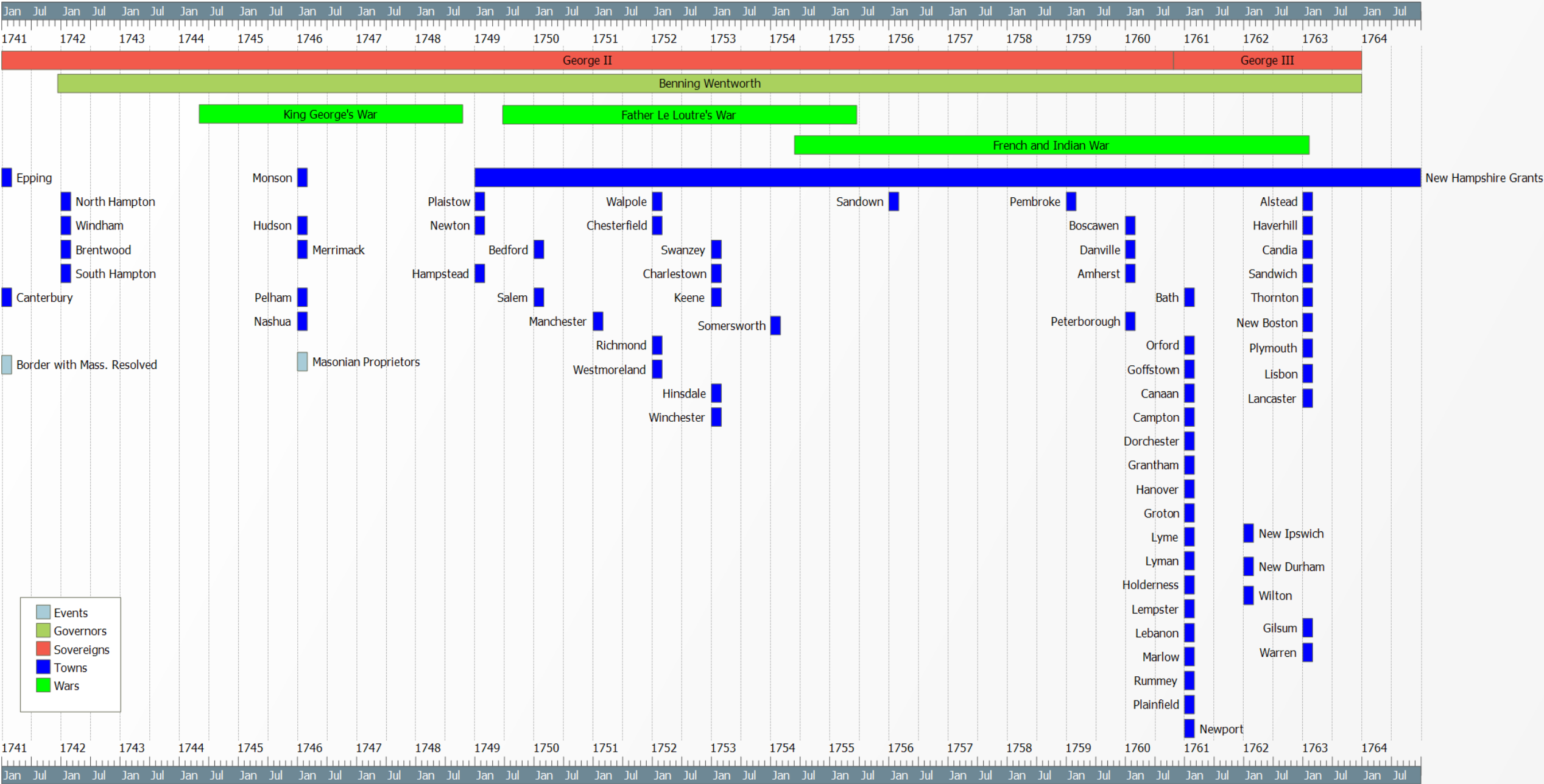
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New Hampshire: 1741-1763



New Hampshire: 1763-1776

