For None to Sneer

A stroke of genius, The Declaration document is complete in and of itself, allowing no chance for manipulation. It precedes government. It acknowledges only one superior authority over our Sovereignty:

"... And for the support of this Declaration, with <u>a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence</u>, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

"WE, therefore, the Representatives of the united States Of America, ...appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, ..."

It delegates limited authority to government:

"...that to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, ..."