



By 1775, on the eve of the American Revolution, South Carolina's indigo and rice plantations had made it the wealthiest of Britain's American colonies. Although most of these plantations were in the lowcountry, the Welsh Tract also raised indigo. The Revolution came late to South Carolina. The British victory at Charles Town was short-lived. Patriot triumphs in the backcountry at Kings Mountain and Cowpens drove the British to Yorktown and final defeat.