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This photographic reproduction of an 1876 engraving shows the historic Liberty Bell being rung in the bell tower of the old State House, now called Independence Hall, upon the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Engraved on the bell are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus, XXV, 10). The bell was first cast in England and the inscription placed on it by order of the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania in 1752. It broke in ringing after its arrival and was recast in Philadelphia from the same metal, with the same inscription, in 1753. It rang on July 4, 1776, and again on July 8, 1776, to call citizens together to hear the proclamation of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It rang on each successive anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration until 1835, when it cracked while tolling during the funeral of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States, who died in Philadelphia. The Liberty Bell now is on exhibition at Independence Hall. (SD-60473)

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