Lesson 4

Review Exercise

1. George Washington was a multi-talented person. It was his ______________ as an army general that helped achieve victory over the British.

2. George Washington served his country in peace and war. His ______________ war record made him the natural choice for the nation's presidency.

3. Following his victory, Washington became the nation's first president. At that time the country was ______________ of just thirteen states.

4. Mount Vernon belonged to the Washington family for almost two hundred years. The family ______________ the property in the 1660s.

5. George Washington was heedful of Mount Vernon during his prolonged absences. He ______________ regularly with his cousin Lund, who managed the estate.

6. George Washington depended on Lund to manage the affairs of Mount Vernon. He was lucky to have such a capable person as ______________ of the property.

7. In the 1700s, weeks could pass before a reply to a letter was received. Because of this, Washington allowed his manager much ______________ in running the estate.

8. From the letters, we learn of a visit by a British warship to Mount Vernon. Lund was probably surprised that the ______________ provoked Washington's wrath.
9. Lund Washington got along well with George Washington. However, Lund Washington ________________ his cousin when he gave the British too friendly a welcome.

10. Washington had bitter feelings toward the British. He ________________ that he'd see his house burned down before he helped them.

11. We know that Washington had a sharp tongue. It must have stung Lund when he was ________________ for aiding the British.

12. After Washington's death, his stepchildren became the new owners of Mount Vernon. He had no children of his own to ________________ the property.

13. The property deteriorated over the years. Perhaps because of the cost, the family had been ________________ to make the necessary repairs to the house.

14. Before 1858, there was little interest in Mount Vernon. The house by then was so ________________ that it probably would soon have been torn down.

15. Work on restoring Mount Vernon began in 1858. The ________________ was planned so that the house would seem unchanged since the 1790s.