Urgent: The Continental Army Needs Your Help!!!

General George Washington organized a spy network called the Culper Ring. They worked to uncover information about what the British were planning during the Revolutionary War and would often pass along secret messages which had been coded so that they were only understood by the recipient. The simplest code was a substitution cipher in which a symbol was substituted for each letter of the alphabet. Using the key, solve the important message shown below:

__ ___ ___   ___ ___   ___ ___   ___ ___ ___ ___,
15 14 5   9   6   2   25   12 1   14 4

___ ___ ___   ___ ___   ___ ___   ___ ___ ___!
20 23 15   9   6   2   25   19 5   1

A = 1	J = 10	S = 19
B = 2	K = 11	T = 20
C = 3	L = 12	U = 21
D = 4	M = 13	V = 22
E = 5	N = 14	W = 23
F = 6	O = 15	X = 24
G = 7	P = 16	Y = 25
H = 8	Q = 17	Z = 26
I = 9	R = 18	

When was this used and what did it mean???

Write your own code and send your own secret messages!!!!

A =	J =	S =
B =	K =	T =
C =	L =	U =
D =	M =	V =
E =	N =	W =
F =	O =	X =
G =	P =	Y =
H =	Q =	Z =
I =	R =	