

# THE TAXMAN COMETH!!!

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HERE COMES THE WRATH OF THE CITIZENS



# THE PROCLAMATION LINE OF 1763: THIS IS WHAT STARTED THE WHOLE MESS!

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# BACKGROUND

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- **WAR IS OVER!!! YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **TREATY OF PARIS IS SIGNED !!!! YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **FRANCE USED TO BE THE THREAT, NOW IT'S GONE YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- **COLONISTS AND BRITISH SHOULD BE CLOSER TOGETHER: THEY FOUGHT TOGETHER, RIGHT?**
  - **BRITISH SOLDIERS LOOKED DOWN ON COLONISTS: CRUDE, NOT CULTURE**
  - **NEW ENGLANDERS THOUGHT THE REDCOATS WERE PROFANE**
  - **NEW ENGLANDERS DON'T LIKE TO TAKE ORDERS**
  - **COLONISTS DIDN'T WANT TO HELP UNTIL PITT PROMISED TO REIMBURSE THEM**
  - **COLONIST SMUGGLERS CONTINUED TO TRADE WITH FRENCH AND SPANISH THROUGHOUT THE WAR.**
- **COLONISTS FELT CLOSER TO EACH OTHER**
  - **FIRST SIGN OF "NATIONALISM"**
  - **LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR A COMMON CAUSE**
- **NOW THE KING RESPONDS: SOMEBODY HAS TO PAY FOR ALL THIS**

**WRONG!  
YOU CAN CUT THE  
TENSION WITH A  
KNIFE...**



# OLD ACTS THAT NO ONE COMPLAINED ABOUT

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- **SUGAR AND MOLASSES ACT 1733**

- 6 PENCE TAX ON GALLON OF MOLASSES IMPORTED FROM NON-ENGLISH COLONIES
- REGULATE TRADE **NOT** RAISE MONEY.
- PLANTATION OWNERS IN BRITISH WEST INDIES PUSHED FOR IT TO CUT OUT FRENCH COMPETITION.
- PRETTY MUCH IGNORED BY COLONISTS.

- **NAVIGATION ACTS**

- GOODS BOUND FOR ENGLAND OR TO ENGLAND'S COLONIES MUST BE CARRIED ON ENGLISH SHIPS
- DESIGNED TO INCREASE SHIPPING INDUSTRY AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SHIPS IN CASE OF WAR
- COLONIES OK WITH IT
  - MOTHER COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO REGULATE TRADE

# SUGAR ACT

## THE AMERICAN REVENUE ACT OF 1764

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- REPLACED THE SUGAR AND MOLASSES ACT OF 1733
  - MERCHANTS WERE SUPPOSED TO PAY A TAX PER GALLON ON IMPORTATION
    - EVADED THE TAXES
    - UNDERCUT BRITISH PRODUCTS
    - NEED SUGAR/ MOLASSES FOR RUM
- LORD GRENVILLE WANTS THE COLONIES TO GET IN LINE AND PAY THEIR SHARE
  - CUT THE TAX IN HALF
  - USE THE NAVY TO ENFORCE IT
  - ADDED MORE FOREIGN GOODS TO BE TAXED
  - REGULATED THE EXPORT OF IRON AND LUMBER

# SO WHAT DID ALL THIS ENFORCEMENT OF THE TAX DO TO THE COLONIES?

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- ENFORCEMENT CAUSED RUM INDUSTRY TO DECLINE
- REDUCED TRADE WITH FOREIGN MARKETS
  - MADEIRA
  - AZORES
  - CANARY ISLANDS
  - FRENCH WEST INDIES (HAITI, SANTO DOMINGO, MARTINIQUE, GUADELUPE).
- DISRUPTED THE COLONIAL ECONOMY
  - REDUCED MARKETS TO SELL GOODS
  - DECREASED AVAILABLE \$\$\$ TO BUY BRITISH GOODS

**WITH THE CURRENCY ACT, IT SET THE STAGE FOR A REVOLT AGAINST THE STAMP ACT  
THIS IS KINDA LIKE THE SUGAR TAX PHILADELPHIA IMPOSES ON SODA TODAY!!!**



# CURRENCY ACT 1764

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- **BEFORE**
  - COLONIES ALWAYS SHORT CURRENCY FOR TRADE
    - NO GOLD OR SILVER MINES
    - CURRENCY LIMITED TO TRADE REGULATED BY GREAT BRITIAN
  - COLONIES PRINT OWN MONEY **"BILLS OF CREDIT"**
  - BUT! NO COMMON REGULATION OR STANDARD VALUES SO..... CONFUSION EXISTS
  - NOTES ISSUED BY BANKS OR LOAN OFFICES
    - BASED ON THE VALUE OF THE LAND
    - INTEREST PAID WAS NOT STANDARD, SOME PAID NO INTEREST
    - SOME ONLY GOOD TO BUY STUFF
    - SOME ONLY USED FOR PUBLIC DEBT NOT FOR PRIVATE TRANSACTIONS
    - NO STANDARD VALUE AMONG THE COLONIES
  - BRITISH MERCHANTS DIDN'T LIKE THIS
    - TOO COMPLEX: EACH COLONY USED DIFFERENT CURRENCY.
    - NOTES DEPRECIATED IN VALUE QUICKLY

# SO WHAT DID THE PARLIAMENT DECIDE TO DO???

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- TOOK CONTROL OF THE COLONIES' CURRENCY SYSTEM! **OVERNIGHT!!!**
- NO NEW BILLS COULD BE PRINTED
- TAKE EXISTING BILLS OUT OF CIRCULATION ABOLISHED COLONIAL BILLS!! CRAZY RIGHT?
- INSTITUTED A CURRENCY SYSTEM USING THE BRITISH POUND
- COLONIES PROTESTED! TRADE DEFICIT WITH BRITIAN WOULD JUST GET WORSE
- ADDITIONALLY, SUPERIOR VICE-ADMIRALITY COURT ESTABLISHED TO PUNISH SMUGGLERS AND VIOLATORS OF CUSTOM LAWS OUTSIDE THE REACH OF COLONIAL COURTS: **KING WINS!**



# THE STAMP ACT

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- 55 RESOLUTIONS!
- FIRST SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE COLONIES
- GREAT BRITIAN HAD TO PAY ITS DEBT FROM THE SEVEN YEARS WAR
- ENGLISH CITIZENS WERE BEING BLED DRY FROM TAXES: REVOLT WAS IN THE AIR
- MAKE THE COLONISTS PAY FOR THE WAR THAT SAVED THEIR HIDES.

# QUARTERING ACT 1765

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- THE BRITISH ARMY WAS THERE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE. IF THERE WAS A SHORTAGE OF BARRACKS FOR THE SOLDIERS, THEN
  - USE PRIVATE HOMES FOR SOLDIERS WHEN NECESSARY.
  - USE PRIVATE BUSINESS FOR USE OF THE ARMY FOR RATIONS AND HOUSING
  - PEOPLE MUST FEED THE SOLDIERS ON DEMAND
  - CARRIAGES AND OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION CAN BE COMMANDEERED FOR USE
  - SOLDIERS IN PRIVATE INNS OR HOMES DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR ANYTHING BEYOND THAT AMOUNT THEY ARE ALLOCATED. (SUBSISTENCE MONEY).
  - COLONIES HAVE TO PROVIDE LODGING AND FOOD TO SOLDIERS FREE OF CHARGE.

# THE DECLARATORY ACT

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- THE COLONIES ARE DEPENDENT AND SUBJECT TO THE KING AND PARLIAMENT
  - PARLIAMENT MAKES THE LAWS
  - THE COLONIES HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY ARE TOLD
  - THE COLONIES HAVE NO RIGHT TO MAKE ANY LAWS ON THEIR OWN
    - ANY REQUEST TO DO SO IS DENIED
    - ALL LAWS PASSED ARE VOIDED

# THE TOWNSHEND REVENUE ACT

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- WANTED TO RAISE **\$\$\$** TO PAY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLONIES
- IMPOSED A WIDE VARIETY OF TAXES
  - GLASS
  - PAINT
  - OIL
  - LEAD
  - PAPER
  - TEA
- PEOPLE WENT CRAZY: BOSTON OCCUPIED BY BRITISH IN 1768
- RETALIATE WITH NON-IMPORTATION AGREEMENTS.

# BOSTON NON-IMPORTATION AGREEMENT 1768

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- MERCHANTS AND TRADERS OF BOSTON AGREE
  - NOT SEND GOODS TO OR IMPORT FROM GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE FALL SEASON BEYOND WHAT HAS BEEN ORDERED.
  - RESTRICT EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR ONE YEAR, BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1769 EXCEPT
    - SALT
    - COAL
    - FISH HOOKS AND LINE
    - HEMP
    - LEAD AND SHOT
    - WOOL
    - WIRE
  - NOT BUY ANYTHING FROM GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE SAME PERIOD

# BOSTON NON-IMPORTATION AGREEMENT 1768 (CONT'D)

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- NOT IMPORT FROM ANY OTHER COLONY ANY ITEMS IMPORTED FROM GREAT BRITIAN
  - TEA
  - GLASS
  - PAPER
- WILL NOT IMPORT ANY ITEM LISTED AFTER 1 JANUARY 1769 UNTIL ACT IMPOSING DUTIES IS REPEALED
  - TEA
  - PAPER
  - GLASS
  - PAINT

# BOSTON MASSACRE

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- THE TRIAL OF THE BRITISH SOLDIERS
- THE WITNESSES
- ALL BUT TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER
  - FIVE COLONISTS DIED
  - NO BRITISH SOLDIERS DIED!
  - TWO SOLDIERS GUILTY OF MURDER ESCAPED DEATH (KILROY AND MONTGOMERY).
    - BENEFIT OF THE CLERGY
    - BRANDED ON THUMB “M”
- IMPORTANCE?
- GOVERNOR EVACUATED SOLDIERS FROM BOSTON
- THE LEAD UP TO THE BOSTON MASSACRE: LEGENDS AND LIES “THE PATRIOTS” EPISODE I

# THE TEA ACT 1773

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- THIS WAS THE FINAL ACTION THAT LAUNCHED THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT
- IT IMPOSED NO NEW TAXES
- DESIGNED TO PROP UP THE EAST INDIA COMPANY
  - FLOUNDERING
  - 18 MILLION POUNDS OF UNSOLD TEA
- PLAN: SHIP THE TEA TO THE COLONIES AND SELL AT A BARGAIN RATE
- COLONISTS THOUGHT IT WAS A PLOT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE TAXES IN PLACE
- DIRECT SALE UNDERCUT LOCAL MERCHANTS



# SO---WHAT DID THE COLONISTS DO?

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- PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK TURNED THE TEA SHIPS BACK TO BRITIAN.
- CHARLESTON LET THE CARGO ROT ON THE DOCKS
- BOSTON HELD THE SHIPS IN PORT
  - COLONISTS WOULD NOT UNLOAD
  - SHIP'S CREWS STUCK IN BOSTON GOT INTO TROUBLE WITH THE LOCALS OVER JOBS.

BOSTON TEA PARTY!!

Another look

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# THE INTOLERABLE ACTS

- RETALIATION FOR THE BOSTON TEA PARTY: PUNISHMENT
  - BRING THE COLONIES BACK INTO LINE
- #1: BOSTON PORT ACT
  - CLOSE DOWN BOSTON HARBOR NOTHING IN OR OUT
- #2: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT
  - NO HEARING IN BOSTON GO TO ANOTHER COLONY OR GREAT BRITAIN
- #3: MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNMENT ACT
  - ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE KING
- #5: QUARTERING ACT 1774
  - PLACE SOLDIERS IN RESIDENTS HOMES ON DEMAND
- QUEBEC ACT (This really upsets the Colonies)
  - FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION (Roman Catholic included).
  - HOLD ONTO OWN PROPERTY
  - INCREASE SIZE OF PROVINCE TO INCLUDE THE OHIO VALLEY (SAME LAND THAT WAS FOUGHT FOR).
  - HEMS THE COLONIES IN TO THE AREA BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC AND THE APPALACHIANS.



# RETALIATION

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- ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION 1774
  - PROHIBIT TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS
  - CITIZEN COMMITTEES TO ENFORCE THE ACT
- GALLOWAY'S PLAN FOR THE UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE COLONIES
  - NY, NJ, PA WANTED TO MAKE NICER WITH GREAT BRITAIN
  - PLAN FOR COMPROMISE
    - GRAND COUNCIL
    - CONTINENTAL PARLIAMENT
    - REJECTED BY 6-5 VOTE

# AND THE END RESULT OF ALL THIS?

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- First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia 5 September 1774. (Georgia refused to go).
- [Re-Cap](#) (until 7:40)

