

THE TAXMAN COMETH!!!

HERE COMES THE WRATH OF THE CITIZENS



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



BACKGROUND

- **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"**
 - **LAI D 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

- **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

- 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?

- 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

- **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???

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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)

- 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

- 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
- (ANOTHER LOOK AT THE MASSACRE).

THE TEA ACT 1773

- 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?

- 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

- 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?

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

