

## *Rolling Toward Revolution.... April 1773*



### *In Boston:*

- ❖ Benjamin Franklin's copy of Massachusetts Governor Hutchinson's inflammatory and prejudicial letters to Britain's Prime Minister arrived in Boston. They confirmed the worst fears of the Sons of Liberty that their rights as Englishmen were being undermined by their government. They were not yet aware of the news regarding Parliament's newly passed Tea Act.

### *In the Raritan Valley:*

- ❖ Life was continuing peacefully in the Raritan Valley. Cornelius Lott was working on repairs to the Courthouse at Millstone and would submit his bill shortly to the Freeholders. John Ten Eyck, serving as Collector for the County was going about his business. John Smith was busy enumerating the inhabitants of Hillsborough Township for its first official tally. Numerous taverns kept Somerset County customers and those traveling along its major roads from being dry: At least two operated in Millstone, serving the county seat, the White and Parker tavern. In north county, Tunison's Inn and the Middaugh tavern along the Old York Road, and at least six establishments between New Brunswick and Six Mile Run.

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