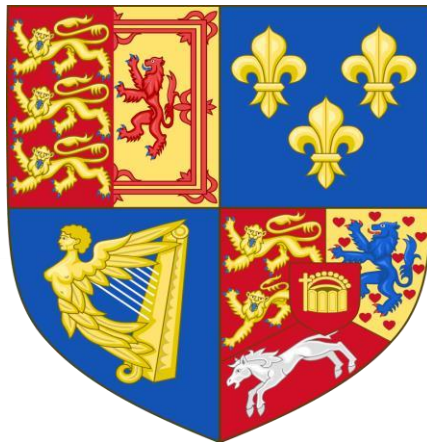


Rolling Toward Revolution... June, 1773



Coat of Arms of King George III of Great Britain, 1760-1801

In London:

- *On June 22*, George III reviewed the British Fleet at the Royal Docks in Portsmouth. It was part of a four-day celebration of the British Crown, marking the 10th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris, which had ended The French and Indian War.

In Boston:

- *No one was celebrating*. Instead, everyone was reading and discussing the letters *forwarded* by Franklin, which were now published and available to the public. Now everyone knew that the Royal Governor of Massachusetts was the Crown's man and would not mediate for the colonists.

In the Raritan Valley:

- *No one was celebrating*, at least not the Treaty of Paris... George Van Neste, who a year ago, had married Lemmatje Staats in the Hillsborough Reformed Church, were expecting their first child later in another month or so. Further east in the provincial capital of Perth Amboy, New Jersey's Royal governor, *William Franklin* and Benjamin's son, was likely hearing of the news from Boston with more than casual and concerned interest. New Jersey's able administrator for 10 years and himself a loyal servant of the Crown wondered what his father had been thinking...

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