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Rolling Toward Revolution

- ❖ *April, 1772* The British parliament repealed the Townshend Revenue Acts, which had fueled opposition to British rule in colonial America—all except the tax on tea. The news of the success of their protests would not reach the colonies for another two months...

- ❖ **Meanwhile**, young William Paterson, future New Jersey patriot, its second governor, signer of the United States Constitution, and Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court, was taking a step forward in his legal career. A Princeton shopkeeper's son, the recent College of New Jersey (as Princeton was called then) had clerked with Richard Stockton for a few years and practiced law in Hunterdon County before going establishing a partnership with his brother "at South Branch", about a mile southwest of present-day Raritan. The Somerset County law firm of Thomas Paterson & Co. was within traveling distance of the county seat at Millstone and Princeton. where he