

Rolling Toward Revolution...

September 1772

The New Jersey Provincial Assembly voted to require a license to practice medicine. Bad news for barbers, herbalists, and midwives. On the other hand, William McDonald, Sheriff of Somerset County (He would hold this position from 1771-1774) would not have much to enforce. Doctors were few in rural Somerset. Bound Brook may have had only one.

Meanwhile back in England, things were not so merrie...

- ❖ Outraged by the burning of the HMS *Gaspee*, the Commissioners at the Court of Admiralty with the King's consent offered a reward on September 2nd for information on the perpetrators of the incident and planned to transport anyone arrested to England for trial. The Sons of Liberty on hearing the news some weeks later, were also outraged.

To be continued....

See the story of the Gaspee being reconstructed in "In virtual reality":

<https://blogs.brown.edu/gaspee/history/>

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