

Rolling Toward Revolution... July 1773



Coat of Arms of King George III of Great Britain

In New York:

General Thomas Gage was the most senior, experienced military governor in British North America. A veteran of the French and Indian War and a former royal governor of Ontario, he was known for patience and diplomacy in matters of trade and communication. Currently he was managing the 50 British garrisons stretching from Newfoundland to Florida, including New York, New Brunswick, and Trenton. As the King's chief military advisor in the Colonies, he was likely consulted about the scandal involving Ben Franklin's release of Governor Hutchinson's letters...

In Perth Amboy:

Royal Governor Wm. Franklin did not dwell long on his father's behavior. His more pressing problems were how to deal with demands for paper currency in the colony and motivating the Assembly to pay his crown officials and judges better salaries...

In the Raritan Valley:

The future Rev. Issac Van Doren, Pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, was born July 9 at Griggstown. The American Revolution would begin when he was barely 2 years old. When he was about 4, his father Abraham, a miller operating one of the largest grist and feed mills in the county, would provide for the Continental Army following the Battle of Princeton.

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