

Rolling Toward Revolution...

December, 1772

As Christmas approached, interest in the tea boycott was flagging...

Yet after the Townsend Acts had been repealed, some continued to boycott British tea considering New England's continued struggles with the Crown. Some chose another option: They purchased smuggled tea, which was still cheaper than the untaxed British product. If it deprived the tea company and the Crown of revenue, the colonies could have their tea and make a political statement at the same time!

Meanwhile, in Great Britain:

Parliament and the East India Company were working on a plan to help them circumvent this new form of Yankee resistance. At the same time, Benjamin Franklin, acting agent for Massachusetts in London, received copies of a set of letters originally sent by Massachusetts governor Hutchinson to the recently deceased Prime Minister's assistant. He didn't like what he read and was thinking of publishing them ...

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