

Rolling Toward Revolution... March 1773



In London:

- ◆ The Tea Act passes! The East India Tea company celebrated their success with Parliament. The company could soon ship tea directly to the colonies and pay no import tax. Other imported teas were still subject to import duty. The company's agents were given exclusive rights to sell their tea. Now, they only needed the assent of the King to go into effect...
- ◆ *Benjamin Franklin's letters still in transit to Boston: Passage takes 2 months.*

In Virginia: Concerned about the political situation in Boston and incensed about plans to remove of colonial prisoners to England for trial, on March 12, the House of Burgesses sought to contact other colonies about their common defense: The **Virginia Resolutions Establishing A Committee of Correspondence** extended the idea of Massachusetts' Committee which was already reaching 119 of 260 New England towns. The Virginians sent their Resolutions to other colonial assemblies asking, in effect, for a "contact person" in each colony".

In the Raritan Valley:

- Cornelius Ten Eyck took up his 2-year term as County Collector, with/ John Staats serving as Assessor.
- Hillsborough's second annual town meeting was held at the home of Garret Garretson.
- Fredrick Frelinghuysen continued in his faculty post at Queens College, New Brunswick. He also continued reading for the bar with Richard Stockton of Princeton, along with another student, James Madison.

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