

Rolling Toward Revolution...

November, 1772

Things were coming to a head in Boston:

- ❖ Incensed by the idea that their right to self-rule was being threatened, Samuel Adams organizes a 21-member Committee of Correspondence at Faneuil Hall, Boston on November 2nd. Its stated purpose: is coordinate the response of other Massachusetts towns and villages to the threat against self-rule.
- ❖ By November 20, Adams submitted his "*Rights of the Colonists: The Report of the Committee of Correspondence to the Boston Town Meeting*" and subsequently published it as a pamphlet. It begins: "Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can. These are evident branches of, rather than deductions from, the duty of self-preservation, commonly called the first law of nature." The pamphlet circulated widely.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey ...

- ❖ **William Livingston**, <https://images.app.goo.gl/W8s6a8odWHpSbgSK8> Yale graduate, lawyer, and former member of the New York colonial assembly was now an Essex County resident. He was putting the finishing touches on his new 14-room Georgian home, in the countryside just beyond the Elizabethtown. It will later be named Liberty Hall in Union <https://www.goelizabethnj.com/things-to-do/attractions/historic-sites/liberty-hall>.

Sources:

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