

Rolling Toward Revolution.... February 1773



In London: The East India Tea Company began lobbying Parliament with a plan to allow the sale of their tea in the colonies at a price that would undercut smugglers and give them monopoly.

In Boston: The damaging letters Ben Franklin intended to leak to the colonies made their way to Boston... They effectively say the position of the colonial Governor is that the colonists weren't entitled to "English liberties".



Meanwhile...

In New Jersey: Franklin's son, William, the Royal Governor of New Jersey since 1762 moved from Burlington, the former capital of West Jersey, to a new, handsome 3-story mansion in Perth Amboy overlooking the Raritan Bay. It survives to this day:

<https://www.theproprietaryhouse.org>

In the Raritan/Millstone Valley: The Dutch Reformed Churches having recently established their independence from the Classis of Amsterdam, could now call and hire their own ministers. They could be trained locally as well.

A county record of roads began February 25th. There were 146 roads in the county by 1776.

Conrad Ten Eyck began his 2-year term as Tax Assessor, replacing John Staats.

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