

WHAT YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

BRITAIN WAS NOT ALLOWED TO BE TAXING THE COLONISTS. ACCORDING TO BRITISH LAW, A PERSON CAN NOT BE FORCED TO PAY TAXES UNLESS HIS OR HER REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARLIAMENT AGREES THAT THAT CERTAIN PERSON CAN BE TAXED. THIS IS WHERE THE SAYING: "NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION" CAME FROM. BECAUSE NOBODY IN THE ENGLISH COLONIES HAD ANYONE TO REPRESENT THEM IN PARLIAMENT, THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FORCED TO PAY TAXES. THE COLONISTS KNEW THIS AND WERE GETTING ANGRIER BY THE MINUTE THAT THE BRITISH WERE BREAKING THEIR OWN LAW TO "STEAL" MONEY FROM THE COLONISTS. THEY STARTED TO **BOYCOTT**.

ILLEGAL

Angry colonists stood on the wharf of the Boston Harbor cheering on the Sons of Liberty as they threw the East India Company's tea into the water.

Boycott:
To withdraw from social relations as a punishment or protest

ALL THE TAXES: THE TEA TAX, LEAD TAX, PAPER TAX, WERE ALL PART OF BRITAIN'S BIGGER PLAN TO MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE FROM THE COLONIES. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE TEA ACT REALLY MEANT? IT MEANT THAT THE EAST INDIA COMPANY COULD SHIP THEIR TEA STRAIGHT TO THE COLONIES AT A CHEAPER PRICE INSTEAD OF SELLING IT TO ENGLISH TRADERS IN BRITAIN WHO THEN WOULD SELL IT TO THE COLONIES. ONCE THE EAST INDIA TRADING COMPANY COULD SELL TEA STRAIGHT TO THE COLONIES, THEY COULD START TAXING IT ALL THEY WANT. THEY HAD A **MONOPOLY**. THE COLONISTS WANTED THESE TAXES **REPEALED**.

BRITAIN'S
BIGGER
PLAN

Monopoly:
Implies an exclusive possession of a market by a supplier of a product or a service for which there is no substitute

Repeal:
To take away a law or action

EVEN AFTER THE NIGHT OF THE TEA PARTY, THE SONS OF LIBERTY WOULD ARRIVE AT THE **WHARF** AND GO OUT ON SHIPS TO SINK ALL THE REMAINING BOXES OF TEA THAT WERE FLOATING IN THE HARBOR. THEY HAD PARTIES AND CELEBRATED UNTIL MARCH 24TH, 3 MONTHS AND 7 DAYS LATER, WHEN THE **INTOLERABLE** ACTS WERE PASSED IN BRITAIN. THE COLONISTS WEREN'T ALLOWED TO LEAVE BOSTON UNTIL THEY HAD PAID FOR ALL THE TEA THEY THREW IN THE BOSTON HARBOR. SOLDIERS SWARMED BOSTON AND BARGED INTO PEOPLE'S HOUSES WHENEVER THEY FELT IT WAS NECESSARY. FINALLY, THE COLONISTS COULDN'T TAKE THE BRITISH ANYMORE AND THERE STARTED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

THE
AFTERMATH

Wharf:
An area to which a ship may be stopped at to load and unload

Intolerable:
Unable to be endured