

XI. Towards Revolution

A. Background.

1. Three Imperial Crises.
 - a. First crisis: Did Parliament have the right to pass internal taxes on the colonies.
 - b. Second crisis: Could Parliament pass external taxes.
 - c. Third crisis: Raised the issue of internal legislation and the autonomy of the colonies as self-governing communities.

B. First imperial crisis (Grenville Ministry, 1763-1765).

1. George Grenville.
 - a. Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 - b. British Debt.
 - c. Colonial Taxes.
 - (1) Molasses Act duty.
2. British Army in North America.
 - a. Pontiac's war.
3. The Proclamation Act of 1763.
4. American Duties Act of 1764 (Revenue or Sugar Act).
 - a. Purpose.
 - (1) Raising a revenue.
 - b. Provisions.
 - c. Vice Admiralty Courts.
 - (1) Halifax Nova Scotia.
 - d. Modification of the Molasses Act of 1733.
5. Stamp Act of 1765.
6. American Opposition to Revenue and Stamp Acts.
 - a. Issue of Standing army.
 - b. Loss of fundamental right of trial by jury.
 - c. Raised the constitutional question of internal taxation.
 - (1) Virtual Representation.
 - (a) Thomas Chateley & James Otis
7. Stamp Act Riots, 14 August 1765.
 - a. "Sons of Liberty"
 - (1) North End and South End mobs
 - (2) Andrew Oliver hung in effigy
 - (3) Lt. Governor Hutchinson
 - (4) Governor Bernard
8. Results of the resistance to the Stamp Act.
 - a. Stamp Act Congress, October 1765.
9. Non-Importation of British goods.
10. Fall of the Grenville administration, July 1765.
 - a. Rockingham ministry
11. Declaratory Act, March 1766.

C. Second Imperial Crisis, Townshend Duties, 1767-1770.

1. Charles Townshend.
2. Townshend Duties, 29 June 1767.
 - a. Duties on tea, wines, fruit, paper, glass, lead and painter's colors.
3. John Dickinson's *Farmer's Letters*, 1767.
4. Transformation of the protest.
 - a. British troops in Boston
5. Boston Massacre, 5 March 1770.
 - a. Crispus Attucks
 - b. Lt. Governor Hutchinson
 - c. John Adams
6. Resolution of the Crisis.
 - a. Repeal of the Townshend Duties

D. Third Crisis, Lord North 1774-1776.

1. Burning of the *Gaspée*, 10 June 1772.
2. Committees of Correspondence, 1772.
 - a. Sam Adams.
3. Boston Tea Party, 16 December 1773.
 - a. Tea Act of 1773.
 - (1) East India Company
 - b. *Dartmouth, Beaver and Eleanour*
 - (1) Sons of Liberty
4. Intolerable Acts, 1774.
 - a. Boston Port Bill, 31 March.
 - b. Administration of Justice Act, 20 May.
 - c. Massachusetts Governing Act, 20 May.
 - d. Quartering Act, 2 June.
 - e. Quebec Act, 1774.
5. Impact of Intolerable acts.
 - a. General Thomas Gage
6. First Continental Congress, September 5, 1774.
7. Preparations for War.
 - a. Lexington and Concord. 18 April 1775
8. Second Continental Congress, 10 May 1775.
 - a. Proclamation of Virginia Governor Dunmore, November 1775.
9. *Common Sense*, Thomas Paine, January 1776.
10. Drift towards Independence.
 - a. Richard Henry Lee
11. Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776.