

Colonist's Name _____ Date: 11/28/1764 Colony: _____

The Colonist's Guide to British Taxes



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Proclamation of 1763

Hear ye, hear ye...I, King George III proclaim that NO Colonist shall move west of the Appalachian Mountains. We have fought long and hard to secure more land and power from the French but this land is off limits. You SHAN'T go west of the Appalachian Mountains. You need to stay where your colonies are!

Sugar Act of 1764

This war has come at a grave price. We ceded (took) land from the French but it was a costly war. In order to pay for the damages of the war we need more money. That is where you come in. Each colonist can help by paying a little extra for sugar. Remember, this is for the good of your motherland!



Quartering Act of 1764

Your soldiers have worked hard in battle and yet they have no place to go. We have to stick together and support our troops. Unfortunately, because you colonists have tried to make British soldiers pay for their housing, also known as their quarters we, as in Parliament, are now forcing you to give British soldiers food and shelter. Remember this is for the good of your motherland!

Stamp Act of 1765

We have provided so much for you and yet, there is still resistance to our demands. You think you can do whatever you want but you must remember you are our colonies. We control you. You have tried to spread rumors about British government in the newspapers and in letters. Now you will have to pay – a tax that is. All paper goods (newspaper, flyers, mail, etc) must have a special stamp, which of course you have to buy.

Townshend Act

You may have won the battle with the Stamp Act but you must realize that we need to pay for the French and Indian War. We need revenue (money). Therefore, we are placing a tax on various goods such as tea and glass. After all, it is you, the colonists that are reaping the benefits of winning the war- you are the ones living on the land. I know many of you think this is unconstitutional but Parliament has agreed on these taxes. That is all the representation you need. I'm sure you have family in England who has voted for Parliament.