

## The Road to Revolution Begins

### Chapter 3, Section 4

### Writ of Assistance

- Blanket search warrant allowing custom agents the right to search homes and warehouses w/o evidence or special court orders
- Implemented in 1761 to stop smuggling
  - Of those getting around the Navigation Acts
- James Otis
  - Resigned as king's advocate general in Boston
    - Instead of enforcing the policy
    - Argued the case on behalf of merchants
      - "A man's house is his castle!"

### Pontiac

- Ottawa chief
- Led Pontiac's Rebellion
  - After the French & Indian War
  - Attacking forts and settlements in British colonies
  - B/c more colonists were pushing westward



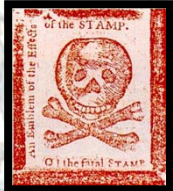
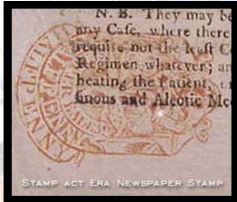
### Proclamation Act of 1763

- Drew a line along the W. boundary of the colonies in the Appalachian Mts.
  - Colonists were not supposed to cross the line.
- Intended to prevent confrontations btw. the colonists and Native Americans
- Angered the colonists eager to settle new lands "they" had won!



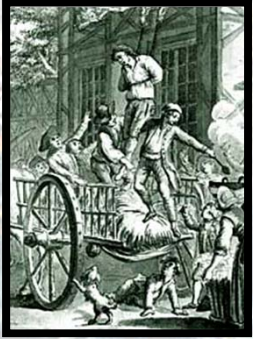
### Revenue Taxes

- Tax enacted w/ sole purpose being to raise \$
- Enacted to pay for the cost of defending the colonists
- Enacted by George Grenville
  - New prime minister
- Revenue Taxes
  - Sugar Act (1764)
  - Stamp Act (1765)
    - Tax on paper/printed materials



### Reaction in the Colonies

- Enraged the colonists
  - Gave rise to the idea of "no taxation w/o representation"
    - They were not represented in Parliament.
    - Parliament argued that they were b/c of "virtual representation"
      - MPs represent all British subjects, not just those from some district!
- Stamp Act Congress (1765)
  - Met in NYC to discuss the hated taxes
  - Led to a boycott of English goods
    - Refusal to buy and/or sell something
- Gave rise to the Sons of Liberty
  - Began taking the law into their own hands to enforce boycott
- Forced the British to repeal





**Declaratory Act (1766)**

- Asserted that Parliament has right to make all laws governing the colonies
- Passed to save face when forced to repeal the Revenue Taxes
- Threatened the self-gov't of the colonists