**Chronicle of Colonial-British Tension**

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| **Legislation** | **Date** | **Provisions** | **Colonial Reaction** |
| Sugar Act | April 5, 1764 | Revised duties on sugar, coffee, tea, wine, other imports; expanded jurisdiction of vice-admiralty courts | Several assemblies protest taxation for revenue |
| Stamp Act | March 22, 1765; repealed March 18, 1766 | Printed documents (deeds, newspapers, marriage licenses, etc.) issued only on special stamped paper purchased from stamp distributors | Riots in cities; collectors forced to resign; Stamp Act Congress (October 1765) |
| Quartering Act | May 1765 | Colonists must supply British troops with housing, other items (candles, firewood, etc.) | Protest in assemblies; New York Assembly punished for failure to comply, 1767 |
| Declaratory Act | March 18, 1766 | Parliament declares its sovereignty over the colonies “in all cases whatsoever” | Ignored in celebration over repeal of the Stamp Act |
| Townshend Revenue Acts | June 16, 29, July 2, 1767; all repealed except duty on tea, March 1770 | New duties on glass, lead, paper, paints, tea; customs collections tightened in America | Non-importation of British goods; assemblies protest; newspapers attack British policy |
| Tea Act | May 10, 1773 | Parliament gives East India Company right to sell tea directly to Americans; some duties on tea reduced | Protests against favoritism shown to monopolistic company; tea destroyed in Boston (December 16, 1773) |
| Coercive Acts (Intolerable Acts) | March-June 1774 | Closes port of Boston; restructures Massachusetts government; restricts town meetings; troops quartered in Boston; British officials accused of crimes sent to England or Canada for trial | Boycott of British goods; First Continental Congress convenes (September 1774) |
| Prohibitory Act | December 22, 1775 | Declares British intention to coerce Americans into submission; embargo on American goods; American ships seized | Drives Continental Congress closer to decision for independence |