

# Sugar Act -1764

- Revision to the Molasses and Sugar act of 1733
- Place a new duty or import tax on several products including molasses
- Called for harsh punishment of smugglers
- Colonial merchants protested



## Stamp Act -1765

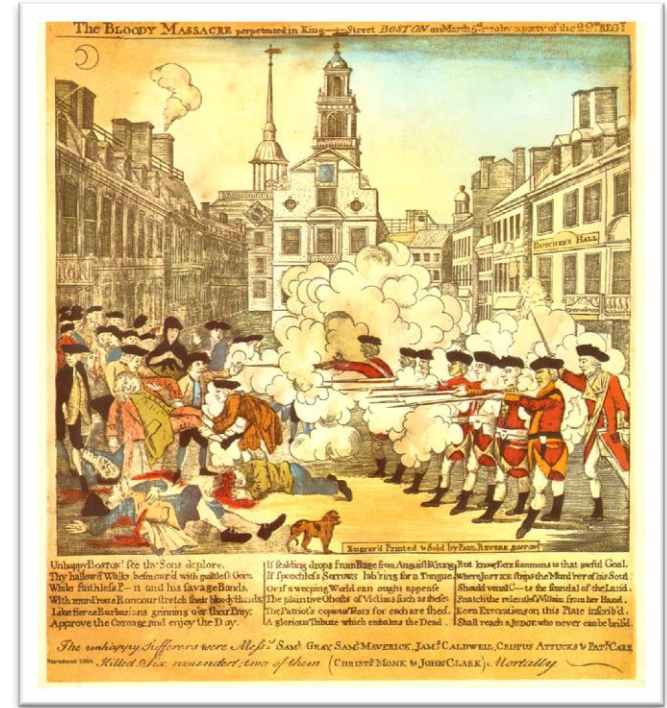
- Required all colonist buy special tax stamps for products and activities.
  - Newspapers, wills, licenses, land titles, contracts, etc.
- House of Burgesses fought the Stamp Act. Only they had the right to pass such taxes.
- Boycotted English goods and sent a petition to repeal both acts. It worked. In 1766 the Stamp act was repealed but replaced.



# Writs of Assistance - 1767

- Charles Townshend – In charge of the British treasury. Wanted to break or dissolve the representative governments.
- Townshend Acts set up a system to help officials enforce the import duties.
- Writs of Assistance allowed officers to search ships and warehouses without stating what they were searching.
- Colonist see this as another violation of their rights.
- Continue to boycott British goods.

# Boston Massacre - 1770



- March 5, 1770
- Angry crowd surrounds soldiers. They begin to shout and throw snowballs & rocks at them. The soldiers are afraid and nervous. Shots are fired.
- 5 Bostonians are dead. 6 injured.
- Hutchinson brings 9 soldiers to trial to appease colonials. John Adams defends the soldiers.