

Townshend Acts Information Sheet

In 1767, Parliament passed the **Townshend Acts**, which made colonists pay taxes on imported tea, glass, paper, and other items to pay for rising military costs due to the Quartering Act. Again, colonists boycotted British goods. A group of women called the **Daughters of Liberty** made their own cloth instead of buying British cloth. By 1770, the protests worked and Parliament repealed most of the taxes, but left the tax on tea because the British wanted to show that they still had the power to tax. Anger continued to grow against the British government, and in protest, the Sons of Liberty continued to use violence and attacked the homes of British officials and colonial tax collectors. More British troops were sent to protect the officials.