**Chapter 5 Continued…. The Intolerable Acts**

The **Intolerable Acts** was a name used to describe a series of laws passed by the [British Parliament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_Great_Britain) in 1774 relating to [Britain's colonies in North America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_North_America). The acts triggered outrage and resistance in the [Thirteen Colonies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteen_Colonies) that later became the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), and were important developments in the growth of the [American Revolution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Revolution).

**Why did the King impose these new laws?**

**Intolerable Acts:**

1. One law closed the Boston harbor to all shipping until the ruined tea was paid for.
2. The 2nd law placed the government in Massachusetts firmly under British control.
3. The 3rd law stated that all major trials would now take place in England, not in the colonies.
4. The 4th law sent more troops to the colonies and new laws were added.