

THE SETTLER SOCIETIES & THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN EUROPEAN POWERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE



The Lords of Trade & Plantations



- CONSEQUENCE OF BACON'S REVOLT:
- TIGHTENING OF LONDON'S CONTROL
- 1675: CHARLES DESIGNATES OFFICIALS TO SUPERVISE COLONIES
- COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS VIOLATES ACTS
 - 1684: CHARTER REVOKED
- NEW PROPOSED POLITICAL FRAMEWORK:
DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND
- MORE IN LINE WITH JAMES'S THINKING

Dominion of New England 1686 – 1689



- NEW GOVERNOR: SIR EDMUND ANDROS
 - SUPREMACY OF ANGLICAN CHURCH
 - PERSECUTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF NAVIGATION ACTS
- CANCELLATION OF ALL TITLES & LAND DEEDS
 - WHY?
- FEAR AMONGST PURITAN SETTLERS ABOUT THE IMPENDING ESTABLISHMENT

The overthrow of King James II of England or *'The Glorious Revolution of 1688'*



- 1603:
 - ROYAL HOUSE OF STUART PROMISES ENGLISH ELITES NOT TO OPENLY ESPOUSE CATHOLICISM *IN RETURN* FOR ASCENDING TO ENGLISH THRONE
- 1685: JAMES, DUKE OF YORK BECOMES KING OF ENGLAND
 - 1687: DECLARATION OF INDULGENCE
 - APPOINTS PRO - CATHOLIC OR *OPENLY* CATHOLIC OFFICIALS TO HIGH OFFICE
 - ANGLICAN ELITES, INCLUDING LOYAL SUPPORTERS SUCH AS LAURENCE HYDE ARE ANGERED

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- ENGLISH ELITES *INVITE* JAMES'S PROTESTANT DAUGHTER & SON - IN - LAW TO SIT ON ENGLISH THRONE
 - 1690: BATTLE OF THE BOYNE
- JAMES IS DEFEATED AND FORCED TO ESCAPE
 - JACOBITES: SCOTTISH & IRISH CATHOLICS NOW BECOME ESTRANGED FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN LONDON
- IN BOSTON PURITANS USE NEWS OF THE COUP TO OUST ANDROS, SETTING OFF A CHAIN REACTION IN NEARBY ENGLISH COLONIES
 - PURITANS CLAIM THAT CATHOLICS, INDIGENES AND ENSLAVED AFRICANS ARE INTENT ON SEIZING POWER

The uprising in New York



FRANCIS NICHOLSON - LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
WEALTHY DUTCH & ENGLISH LANDHOLDERS
COOPERATE WITH NICHOLSON
INCREASING RESENTMENT AMONGST POORER DUTCH
AND ENGLISH SETTLERS
SAME *RATIONALE* AS IN BOSTON: CONSPIRACY OF
CATHOLICS, INDIGENES & ENSLAVED AFRICANS
INTENT ON SEIZING POWER
JACOB LEISLER LEADS CAPTURE OF FORT JAMES AND
NICHOLSON IS FORCED TO FLEE TO ENGLAND
MOBS HARASS AND ROB WEALTHY FAMILIES WHILE
LEISLER HEADS INTERIM GOVERNMENT

The upheaval in Maryland



- TENSIONS BETWEEN PROTESTANTS & CATHOLICS HAS BEEN CONSTANT SINCE ESTABLISHMENT
- OPPORTUNITY FOR PROTESTANTS TO DEAL WITH CATHOLIC CONTROL ONCE AND FOR ALL
 - IDENTICAL RATIONALE USED
 - THREE REBELLIONS IN FOUR MONTHS
 - NOT SO MUCH THREAT FROM OTHERS AS PROTESTANT DESIRE TO RESTORE *STATUS QUO ANTE*

The Witchcraft Hysteria in Boston



WAR OF THE LEAGUE OF AUGSBURG (1689 –
1697))

NEW ENGLAND IS ALSO CAUGHT UP IN THE
WITCHCRAFT HYSTERIA

WHY WITCHCRAFT?

INSTABILITY MAKES POPULATION SUSPICIOUS
TENSIONS BETWEEN SALEM TOWN AND
OUTLYING AREAS...

1692: PHENOMENON BEGINS WITH WEST INDIAN
FORTUNE TELLER NAMED TITUBA

The Witchcraft Hysteria in Boston



SPECIAL COURT SET UP TO TRY SUSPECTED
WITCHES

20 EXECUTED

50 SAVE THEMSELVES BY ADMITTING GUILT
TOO MANY INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE WERE BEING
ACCUSED AND THIS ULTIMATELY LEADS TO THE
END OF THE CRAZE

DANGERS OF HYSTERIA

TRADITIONAL FOLK BELIEFS LOSE CREDIBILITY

Persecution of 'witches' in Europe & English North America; a comparison



- ▶ **THOUSANDS OF WOMEN AND MEN KILLED IN THE NAME OF HUNTING WITCHES IN EUROPE**
- ▶ **HAD MORE TO DO WITH UPHEAVALS IN SOCIETY & EXPEDIENCY**
- ▶ **MISOGYNISTIC UNDERPINNING OF ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST WOMEN, ESPECIALLY OF INTELLECT, WEALTH & CONSEQUENCE**
- ▶ **CONTINUES IN ONE FORM OR THE OTHER WELL INTO THE EIGHTEENTH - CENTURY**

The post-1688 settlement for English settlers in English America



MASSACHUSETTS: ROYAL GOVERNORS APPOINTED BY THE CROWN, BUT ALL MALE PROPERTY HOLDERS AND NOT JUST CHURCH MEMBERS *NOW* WILL ELECT LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

NEW YORK: ROYAL COLONY WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY *REESTABLISHED*

LEISLER IS PUT TO DEATH FOR TREASON

MARYLAND: PROTESTANTS IN ASCENDANCY, CALVERTS LOSE POLITICAL CONTROL IN 1692 BUT REGAIN OFFICE IN 1715 WHEN THEY CONVERT TO ANGLICANISM

Consequences of 1688 in English North America



- ENGLISH SETTLERS SEE RIGHTS *RESTORED* OR *ESTABLISHED*
 - ROYAL AFRICA COMPANY ABOLISHED
- ESCALATION OF THE TRADE IN ENSLAVED PERSONS TO ENGLISH NORTH AMERICA
- TACIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENGLISH PROTESTANT CROWN & ENGLISH SETTLERS IN NORTH AMERICA:
 - IN RETURN FOR EXPANDED RIGHTS SETTLERS AGREE TO WORK WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES LAID DOWN BY THE CROWN
- KING – IN – PARLIAMENT : KING, ROYAL ADVISERS & PARLIAMENT WILL DICTATE POLICIES OF BRITAIN & BRITISH SETTLER COLONIES ABROAD

The era of 'salutary neglect' ; 1688 - 1756



- 1696: NEW NAVIGATION ACT
- SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS
- ON THE WHOLE VERY FEW FURTHER CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN CROWN & SETTLERS DURING THIS ERA
- BRITISH FOCUS IS ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND RIVALS
- BRITISH NORTH AMERICA IS LEFT LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF THE ROYAL GOVERNORS & THE SETTLER ASSEMBLIES

1707: Act of Union: Great Britain



- **DESPITE OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION FROM ORDINARY SCOTS; SCOTTISH ELITES OPT FOR A 'MERGER' WITH ENGLAND**
- **DESPITE 400 YEARS OF ENGLISH AGGRESSION, SCOTLAND HAD MAINTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE ONLY TO BE OVERTHROWN BY BRIBERY**
- **ROBERT BURNS: 'WE ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD FOR ENGLISH GOLD, SUCH A PARCEL OF ROGUES IN A NATION'**
- **ANNE STUART (1702 – 1714 R.) END OF THE HOUSE OF STUART**
- **HOUSE OF HANOVER BECOMES RULING HOUSE OF BRITISH MONARCHY**

The impending divide; emerging differences between the British Crown & British settlers in North America



- SPANISH EMPIRE SUPPORTS INDIGENOUS FIGHTERS & EX-SLAVES IN CARRYING OUT ATTACKS ON THE CAROLINAS WITH FLORIDA AS A SANCTUARY
- BRITISH GOVERNMENT INCREASINGLY CONSIDERS ITS RELATIONSHIP VIS-À-VIS SLAVERY IN NORTH AMERICA AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIGENOUS
- INEVITABLE CLASH WITH BOURBON FRANCE & IMPERIAL SPAIN
- OSSIFICATION OF 'COLOR LINE' IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ; SETTLER ELITES & FORMER INDENTURED SERVANTS SET ASIDE DIFFERENCES
- IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIGENES & AFRICANS

The impending divide; differences between the Crown & British settlers



➤ 1700: SLAVERY COMPLETELY ECLIPSED INDENTURED SERVITUDE

E.G.: WILLIAM BYRD CONTROLS OVER THIRTY – THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND IN VIRGINIA WORKED BY ENSLAVED AFRICANS

INCREASED DEPENDENCY ON SLAVES LEADS TO FEARS OF UPRISINGS

1700: TWENTY – THOUSAND SLAVES IN VIRGINIA

Consequences of European conflicts on British North America



- **WAR OF THE SPANISH SUCCESSION (1702 – 1713)**
- **TREATY OF UTRECHT : DEFEAT FOR BOURBON SPAIN**
- ***ASIENTO*: ACCORD ON CONVEYANCE ON SLAVES BY BRITISH MERCHANTS TO SPANISH – CONTROLLED TERRITORY**
- **DEFEAT BY BRITISH EMPIRE DOES NOT DISSIPATE SPANISH DESIRE TO CONTINUE ARMING AFRICANS TO ATTACK BRITISH NORTH AMERICA**
- **BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY INCREASE IN SLAVE TRADE & POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**