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Some Britons protested when Grenville put through that "most pernicious" revenue plan, the Stamp Act. Lord Chesterfield said "it has given such terror to the Americans that our trade with them will not be, for some years, what it used to be . . ." But to Americans this was not just a matter of trade—it was a final act of tyranny. After 1765 there were retreats on both sides, to be sure, but there would be no reconciliation. And when news of Boston's destructive Tea Party reached England early in 1774 it was the ultimate offense to all men of substance, regardless of their politics. The fuse had been lit. When it would reach the powder keg of revolution only time would tell.

*MAGNA Britannia: her Colonies REDUC'D*



*In 1767 Franklin designed and sent this cartoon to friends. It prophesies the sad plight of Britannia stripped of her colonies.*