



Townshend Acts

Before the event that became known as the Boston Massacre, tensions between the American colonists and Britain has been escalating. One ongoing issue was the passage of laws that the American colonists were required to obey. After the repeal of the Stamp Act, the Townsend Acts (1767) were a collection of British laws that imposed taxes on the import of common goods such as tea, glass, and paper. The colonists were required to pay these taxes without representation in the British government, which they saw as a violation of their rights as British citizens. As they had with the Stamp Act, the colonists protested the Townsend Acts, which resulted in the British government sending in more soldiers to keep order.

Why are the Townsend Acts usually included as a cause of the Boston Massacre?
