

LAND...

ALSO,
YOU CAN
EAT THE
MEAT!

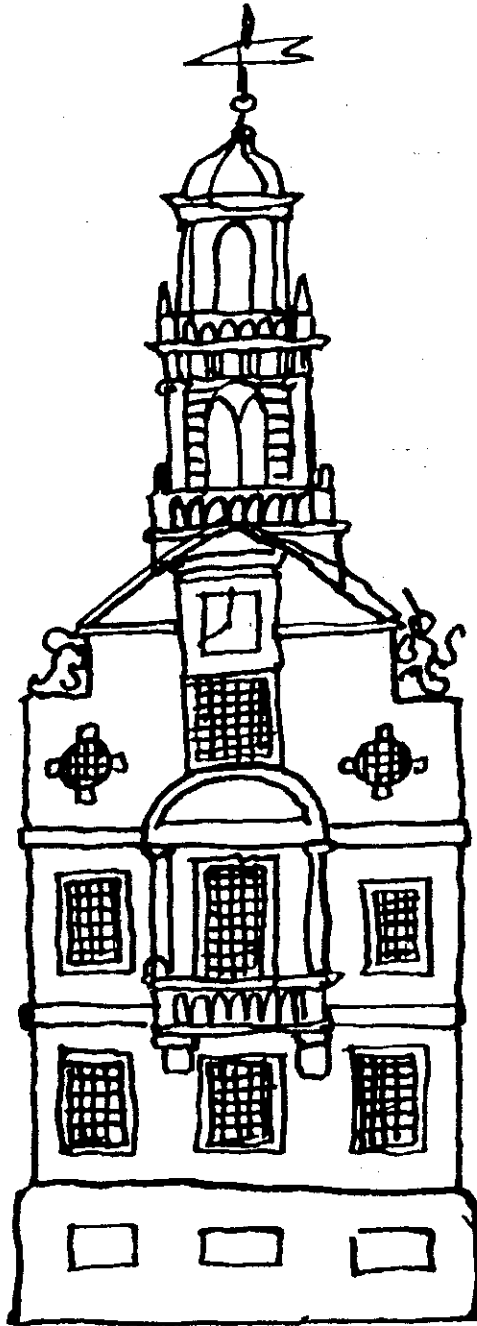


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CHAPTER 3

WHEN A COLONY GROWS UP, WHAT DOES IT DO FOR A LIVING?



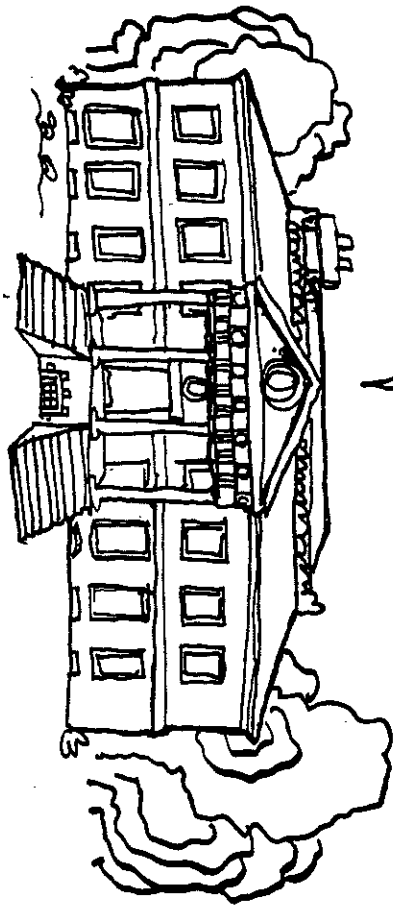
LET'S TAKE A
COLONIAL TOUR
IN THE YEAR

1755

(JUST BEFORE
ALL HELL
BROKE LOOSE).

START WITH THE SOUTH: GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, DELAWARE... THE LAND OF THE LANDED ARISTOCRACY, THE LADY PLANTATION ON THE LADY RIVER... THE LAND OF THE "BIG HOUSE," THE FOX HUNT, THE HORSE RACE, THE GAMBLING DEBT, THE MINT CULP.

THESE KEEP US VERY BUSY, REALLY!



PLANTATION PRODUCTS INCLUDED TOBACCO, INDIGO, SUTE, AND RICE. THE WORK, OF COURSE, WAS DONE BY "SHIFTLESS" SLAVES.

HOLD ON! HOW COME THEY CALL US "SHIFTLESS"?

BECAUSE WE WORK NIGHT SHIFT AND DAY SHIFT!



WHEN SLAVERY WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN THE SOUTH, IT WASN'T EXACTLY LEGAL...

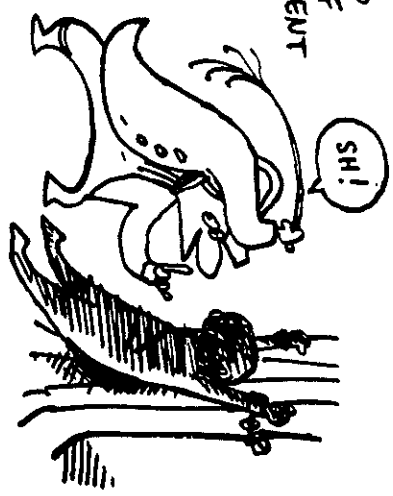
Except Orleans & Louisiana later.

THERE JUST WEREN'T ANY LAWS ON THE BOOKS, AND FOR A LONG TIME, THE SLAVE COLONIES DIDN'T BOTHER TO WRITE ANY.



WELL, IT WASN'T ILLEGAL EITHER!

THIS WAS IN THE GRAND AMERICAN TRADITION OF OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT REGULATION, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING UNSPEAKABLE.



SH!

BUT THEN THE LAWYERS GOT HOLD OF THE QUESTION... THEY BEGAN A LONG, EXPENSIVE ARGUMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT SLAVES WERE REAL ESTATE (1)... SO THE WHITES DECIDED IT WOULD BE CHEAPER IN THE LONG RUN TO PUT SOMETHING IN WRITING.



OTHERWISE, WE'LL ALL END UP AS SLAVES OF THE LAWYERS!

THE RESULTING "SLAVE CODES" VARIED FROM ONE COLONY TO THE NEXT, BUT THEY MOSTLY LOOKED LIKE THIS:

IT WAS ILLEGAL

FOR SLAVES TO CARRY ANY KIND OF WEAPON

FOR A BLACK TO LIFT A HAND AGAINST A WHITE, EVEN IN SELF-DEFENSE

FOR SLAVES TO MARRY

FOR SLAVES TO HAVE FUNERALS

IT WAS LEGAL

FOR A MASTER TO WORK HIS SLAVES 6 DAYS A WEEK, 15 HOURS A DAY—AND THEN MAKE THEM GROW THEIR OWN FOOD ON SUNDAYS

FOR A MASTER TO PUNISH HIS SLAVES IN ANY WAY HE WANTED, INCLUDING DEATH

MORE?

SLAVES WEREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE LIQUOR, OR STUDY READING.

SLAVE AND NO RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL... SLAVE PRISONERS WERE DENIED HEAT IN THEIR CELLS (FOR FEAR THEY'D BURN DOWN THE TRAIL).

AND "RACE MIXING" WAS ILLEGAL — WHICH ONLY PROVES THAT NOT ALL THE LAWS WERE ENFORCED 100%!



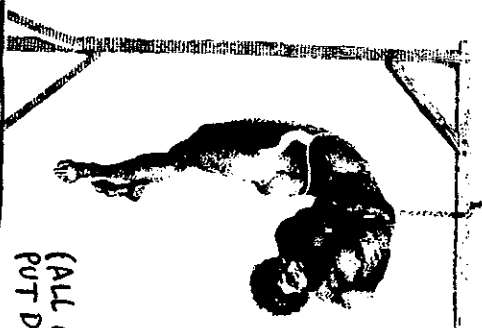
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DAD?!

WITH THOUSANDS (LATER MILLIONS) OF SLAVES IN THEIR MIDST, THE WHITE SOUTH WAS NATURALLY NERVOUS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SLAVE REVOLTS.



"FREEDOM WEARS A CAP WHICH CAN WITHOUT WORDS CALL TOGETHER ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO SHAKE OFF THE FETTERS OF SLAVERY..."
—Gov. Spotswood of VIRGINIA

THE FEAR WAS JUSTIFIED BY MAJOR UPRISINGS IN 1663, 1687, 1712, 1720, 1739, 1741, AND LOADS OF MINOR REVOLTS.



(ALL OF THEM WERE PUT DOWN FEROCIOUSLY.)

PERSONAL UPRISINGS — I.E., RUNAWAYS — WERE SO COMMON THAT NEWSPAPERS HAD STANDARD ILLUSTRATIONS FOR RUNAWAY SLAVE ADS.



NOW! APPEARING IN A FREE PRESS!

BUT THE MAIN RESTRAINT ON SLAVE REVOLTS WAS THE FACT THAT THE SLAVES ALWAYS FORMED A MINORITY OF THE SOUTHERN POPULATION.

30% of SOUTHERN WHITE FAMILIES NEVER OWNED A SINGLE SLAVE !!



BLESSED ARE THE POOR, FOR THEY OUTFNUMBER THE SLAVES!

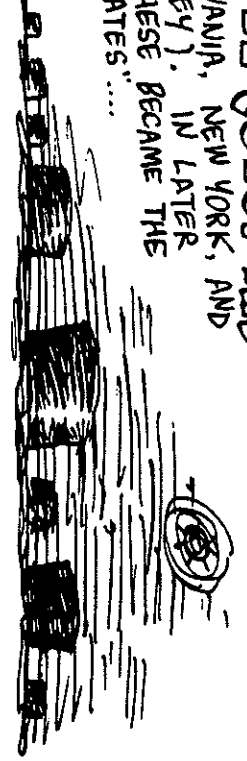
THIS WAS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OLD SOUTH: THE POOR FARMERS, BEHIND THE PLANTATIONS, UP IN THE HILLS, ON THE FRONTIER, WORKING THE SECOND-BEST SOIL, LIVING IN PLACES WITH NAMES LIKE PEEDEE, THE WAXHAWNS, AND NINETY-SIX. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO FACED THE INDIANS, COPED WITH BANDITS, AND WHO ULTIMATELY WOULD FIGHT TO DEFEND THE SLAVE SYSTEM.



YEW CU CALL IT LOCAL COLOR...
AN CALLS IT DIRT FORE!

COMPLEX PLACE, THE SOUTH...

NOW ONWARD TO THE MIDDLE COLONIES (PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, AND NEW JERSEY). IN LATER YEARS, THESE BECAME THE "SOOT STATES"...



STRANGE IDEA!

... BUT IN THOSE DAYS, THEY WERE NORTH AMERICA'S BREADBASKET, WHERE FREE FARMERS GREW FAR MORE PEAS, BEANS, AND GRAIN THAN THEY COULD POSSIBLY EAT.



OTHER POPULAR WAYS TO MAKE MONEY THERE WERE TRADE, CONSTRUCTION, THE LAND, AND REAL ESTATE SPECULATION.

MEANING: BUYING & SELLING VERMONT!

(THAT LAST SEEMED ESPECIALLY WEIRD TO THE INDIANS, WHO THOUGHT OF THE LAND AS THE MOTHER OF US ALL...)



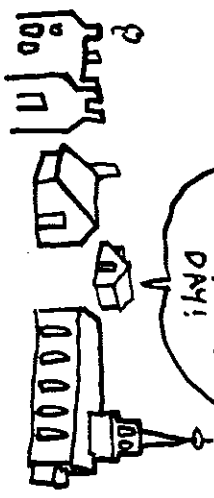
WHO BUYS AND SELLS HIS OWN MOTHER?

MAKE ME AN OFFER...

AND ON TO

NEW ENGLAND

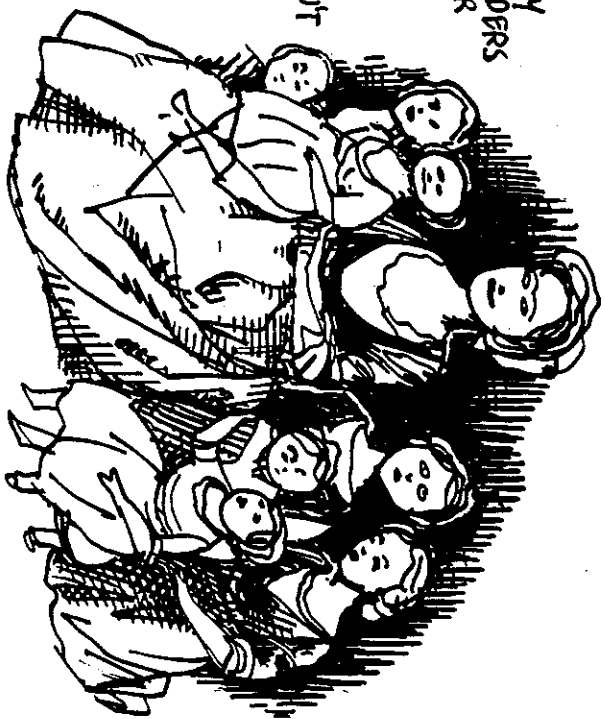
WITH ITS TIDY VILLAGES,
STONY SOIL, THRIFTY
INHABITANTS, AND
BLUE LAWS.



ALL WORK
AND NO PLAY
MAKES MORE
MONEY IN A
DAY!

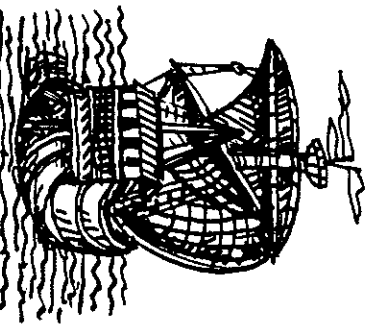
PURITAN
POLITICAL
POWER MAY
HAVE WANED,
BUT THE
PURITAN ETHIC
REMAINED.

THAT'S WHY
NEW ENGLANDERS
NAMED THEIR
CHILDREN
AFTER THE
PURITAN
VIRTUES, SO
THEY COULDN'T
FORGET
WHAT'S
IMPORTANT
IN LIFE
EVEN IF
THEY TRIED.



MEET MY DAUGHTERS,
PRUDENCE, HOPE, HONOR,
FAITH, MERCY, ASSERTIVENESS,
AND BOTTOMLINE.

NEW ENGLAND'S WEALTH
WAS IN ITS FORESTS...
THE BIGGEST TREES BECAME
MASTS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY,
AND THE REST WERE
TURNED INTO SHIPS IN
BOSTON, PROVIDENCE, AND
NEWPORT.

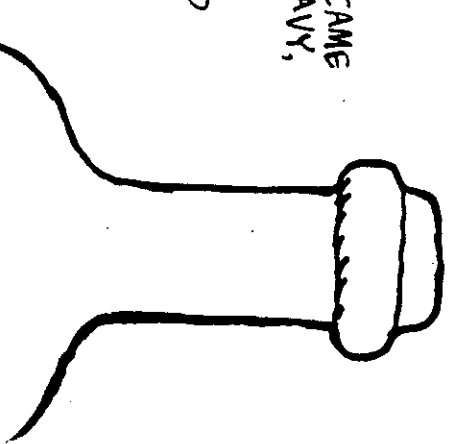


THE WHOLE ECONOMY
REVOLVED AROUND
SHIPPING: WAREHOUSING,
BARRELMAKING, ROPE
MANUFACTURE...



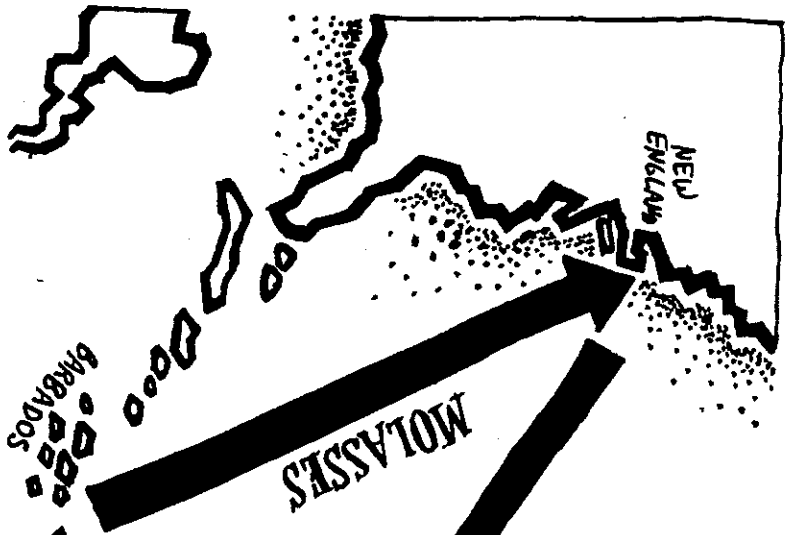
⇒ BUT THE
BAY COLONY'S
BIGGEST MANUFACTURING
INDUSTRY WAS
SOMETHING ELSE
KIDU: IT WAS THE
DISTILLATION OF —

ROUM



SHOCKING!





Barbados

NEW ENGLAND

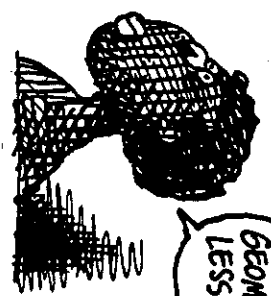
MOLASSES

RUM

SLAVES

GOLD COAST

THE SLAVE SHIPS WERE AN EXAMPLE OF PURITAN EFFICIENCY GONE MAD... THEY REALLY PACKED THEM IN... TRY TO IMAGINE SPENDING 40 DAYS CHAINED BELOW DECKS IN A SPACE 13 INCHES WIDE AND 18 INCHES HIGH... AND YOU HAVE THE TRIANGLE'S DREAD "MIDDLE PASSAGE."

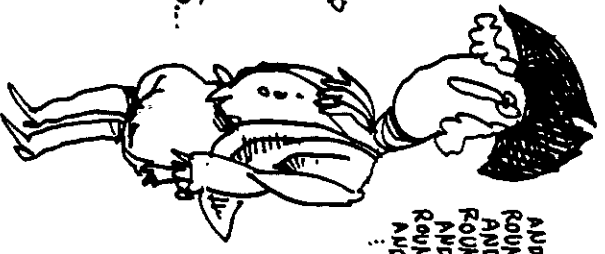


SOME GEOMETRY LESSON!

TRIANGULAR TRADE.

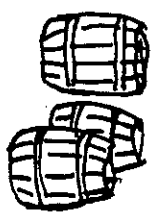
HERE'S THE PICTURE:
THE RUM TRAVELS TO AFRICA... IS TRADED FOR SLAVES... THEY GO TO THE SUGAR PLANTATIONS OF BARBADOS... ARE TRADED (AT 1000% MARKUP) FOR MOLASSES... WHICH GOES TO NEW ENGLAND... IS DISTILLED INTO RUM...

NOT TO WORRY... THE RUM WASN'T FOR DRINKING AT HOME... IT WAS IN REALITY ONE LEG OF THE FAMOUS

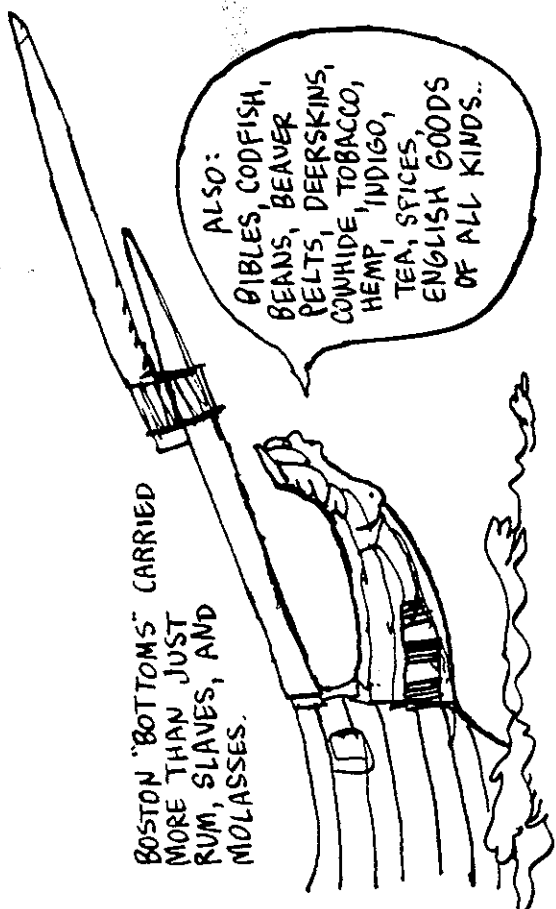


AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND

SO... THOUGH THERE WASN'T MUCH SLAVERY IN NEW ENGLAND ITSELF, NEW ENGLANDERS WERE DEEP INTO IT. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ALL THOSE RUM FACTORIES IF THE SLAVE TRADE DRIED UP?

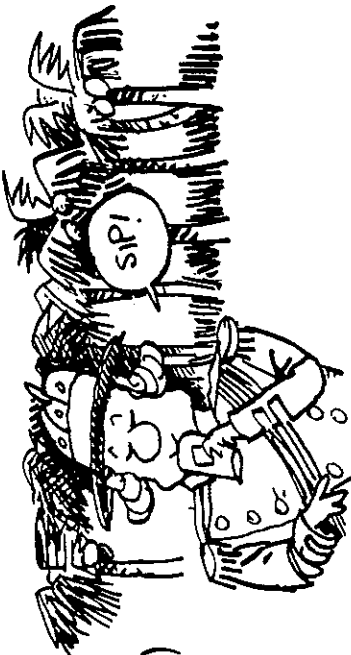


PERISH FOREVER!



BOSTON "BOTTOMS" CARRIED MORE THAN JUST RUM, SLAVES, AND MUGGLASSES.

ALSO:
 BIBLES, CODFISH,
 BEANS, BEAVER
 BELTS, DEERSKINS,
 COWHIDE, TOBACCO,
 HEMP, INDIGO,
 TEA, SPICES,
 ENGLISH GOODS
 OF ALL KINDS..

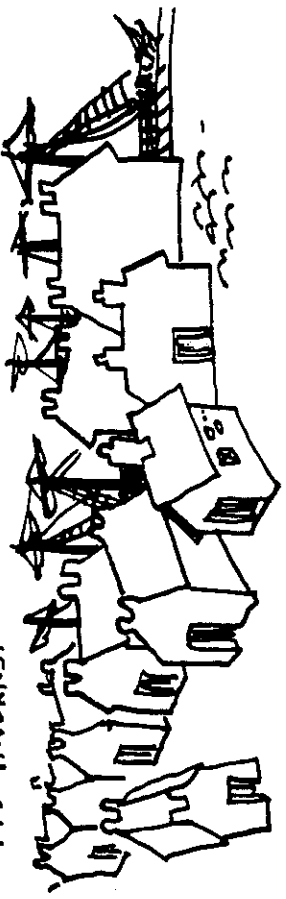


(EVEN ICE TO BRITISH SAHIBS IN INDIA!)



THE "TRIANGLE" WAS ONLY A PART OF A COMMERCIAL NETWORK THAT WOVE AMERICA INTO THE WORLD ECONOMIC FABRIC.

AND THE BOSTON WATERFRONT BUSTLED WITH WAREHOUSES, SHIPPING OFFICES, MARINE SUPPLY HOUSES, EXCHANGES, A CUSTOMS HOUSE (ALWAYS MYSTERIOUSLY UNDERUSED), AND TAVERNS.

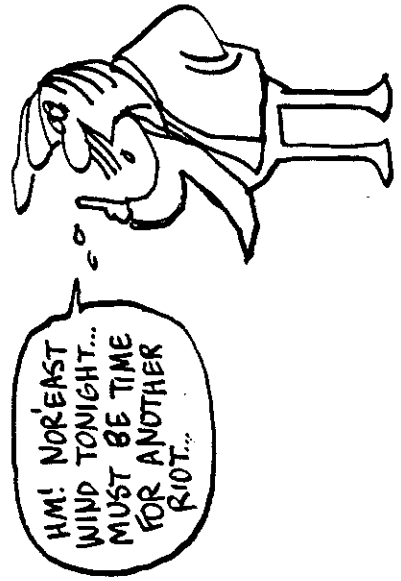


WHAT'S THAT? TAVERNS?



SURE... YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT ALL THAT RUM LEFT TOWN?

INDEED — IT SEEMED THAT UPRIGHT, UPTIGHT BOSTON HAD DEVELOPED A RAUNCHY UNDERBELLY OF WATERFRONT WORKERS!



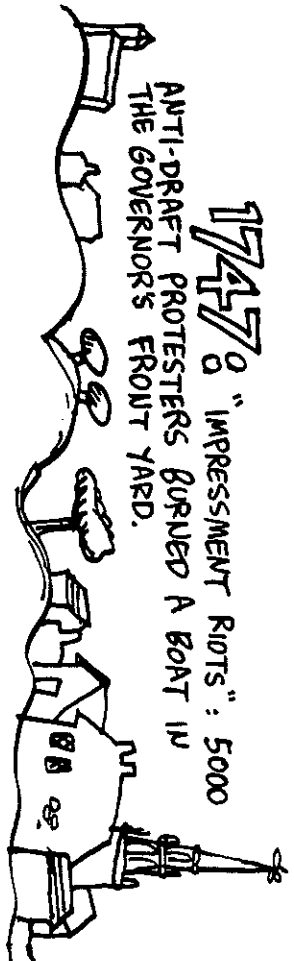
HM! NOR'EAST WIND TONIGHT... MUST BE TIME FOR ANOTHER RIOT...

YES... RIOTING WAS ONE OF BOSTON'S FAVORITE RECREATIONS! FOR EXAMPLE:

1737: THE "MARKET RIOTS": RIOTERS DISGUISED AS CLERGYMEN (!) DESTROYED MARKET BUILDINGS TO PROTEST GOVERNMENT REGULATION.



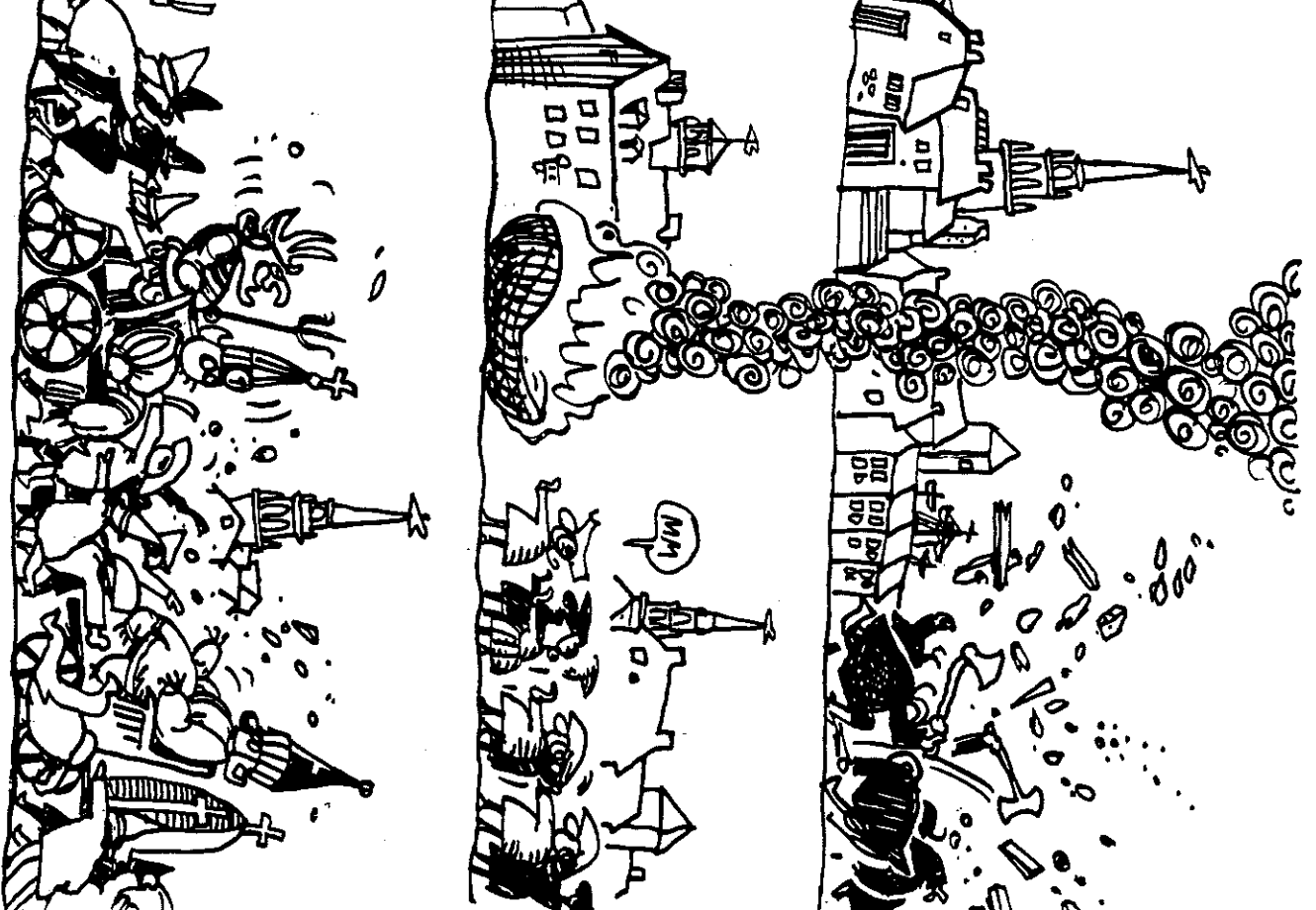
1747: "IMPRESSMENT RIOTS": 5000 ANTI-DRAFT PROTESTERS BURNED A BOAT IN THE GOVERNOR'S FRONT YARD.



EVERY NOV. 5: "POPE'S DAY" RIOTS... JUST TO KEEP IN PRACTICE, "NORTH ENDERS" BATTLED "SOUTH ENDERS" IN AN ANNUAL GAME OF "CAPTURE THE ROPE."



THIS CONCLUDES OUR COLONIAL TOUR... BUT DON'T WORRY... THERE ARE MORE RIOTS TO COME...



THE COLONIES HAD A LOT IN COMMON: SAME LANGUAGE, SAME KING AND COUNTRY, SAME RELIGION (MORE OR LESS), SAME ENEMIES, EVEN THE SAME SLAVERY... BUT IN THOSE DAYS, BEFORE BARGAIN AIR FARES, TELEVISION, FEDERAL FUNDING, AND KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, THERE WERE ALSO SOME BIG DIFFERENCES, AS THE COLONISTS SAW IT —



THE NEW ENGLANDER IS HALF MAD... HIS IDEA OF A GOOD TIME IS TO PREACH SERMONS 51 WEEKS OF THE YEAR, AND DESTROY BUILDINGS ON THE 52ND... BESIDES, HE LACKS THE REFINEMENT WHICH CAN ONLY COME FROM WIELDING ABSOLUTE POWER OVER A SERVILE CLASS...



THE SOUTHERNER'S RELIGION IS CORRUPT... HIS MORALS ARE LAX... HIS PLANTATIONS ARE CRUEL... HIS WOMEN ARE EASY... HIS LIFE IS... ? SHUDDER? DEEPLY TEMPTING...



NON-PENNSYLVANIANS ARE ALL OBSESSED...



HEY, I'M JEWISH! WHERE CAN I GO BUT RHODE ISLAND?

ANY CHANCE OF UNITING ALL OF THESE? NOT IN 1765!



SO WHAT HAPPENED?

When A Colony Grows UP, What Does it Do For a Living?

CARTOON HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ch.3 pp. 41-56

1. What arguments led southern colonies to create Slave Codes? List five examples.
2. What two pieces of evidence show that the slaves provided resistance from slavery's beginning?
3. Who outnumbered African slaves? What percent of southern families ever owned slaves?
4. If so few families owned slaves, why do you think they fought so hard, for so long to protect the institution of slavery?
5. Why would colonial farmers produce more food than they could eat? What business did the Natives understand least?
6. What was the source of wealth in New England, where the soil was rocky and growing season short?
7. What product beside lumber was manufactured and shipped overseas in great amounts? How did this distilled product tie New Englanders to the slave trade?
8. List the other products that New England traders sent around the world.
9. As a warm up for the Revolution, three riots are mentioned. What three issues were protested in Boston in 1737, 1747 and Every Nov. 5?
10. How did life in the Southern colonies vary from that in the Middle and New England colonies?

