when the French & Indian war ended and the English really seriously began to police her colonies, most colonies had colonial legislatures elected by the people and usually another house called the Governor's council ~~which~~ the members of which were appt. by Royal governors & often for "life".

In 1763 at the end of the 7 years war the British debt was enormous, of an 8 million dollar budget (If I remember correctly) 5 million went for interest on the debt. England decided it was time that the colonies paid their share.

This led to a series of acts passed by Parliament, ~~which the colonies resisted~~ beginning with the sugar act and ending with the tea act which precipitated the Boston tea party and which prompted the English to pass the Coercive acts,