BOSTON MASSACRE

on March 5, 1770

The Boston Massacre was the killing of five colonists by British regulars on March 5, 1770.

It was the culmination of tensions in the American colonies that had been growing since Royal troops first appeared in Massachusetts in October 1768 to enforce the heavy tax burden imposed by the Townshend Acts.

➔ The people started protesting against the Townshend Acts

➔ 4000 British soldiers were sent to Boston for military protection

➔ this was outrageous for the people

March 5, 1770:

- A crowd of people threw stones and snowballs at a group of British soldiers
- The British fired into the crowd
- Five civilians were killed

➢ ***The Boston Massacre was a signal event leading to the Revolutionary War***