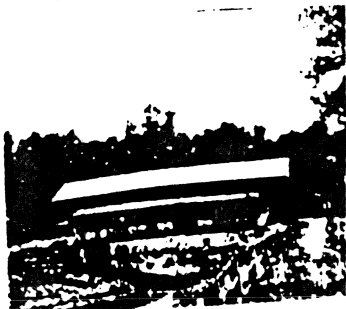


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Town Votes To Build Bridge



Bridge to the 19th Century?

Amherst, Mass. Mar. 20 - At a town meeting here today, the property holding men of Amherst voted on a proposal to build a bridge over the Connecticut River. The proposal passed by a vote of 60 to 15. Supporters of the proposal argued that the bridge would enable Amherst farmers to sell their goods in the markets of the fast growing town of Northampton. Opponents of the bill argued that the 500 pound price tag on the project was much too high.

New Governor To Arrive Next Month

London, March 4 - Sir James Winston, the newly appointed governor of New Jersey Colony, was scheduled to have set sail from here today and is expected to arrive in New York harbor some time during the early to middle part of May.

Sir Winston was appointed Governor by King George II earlier this year. He will replace Sir William Jameson, who died this past December.

Mass. Assembly Debates Voting Rights Bill

Boston, Mar. 25 - Debate began in the Massachusetts assembly today over a bill that would end religious qualifications for voting.

As it stands now, only members of approved protestant congregations may vote in assembly elections. The proposed legislation would remove this requirement and allow all otherwise eligible Christians to vote in assembly elections.

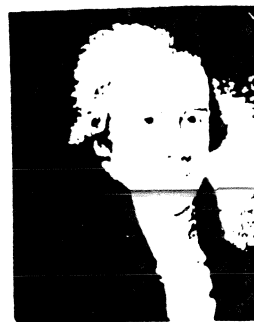
Zenger Acquitted

Jury rules against New York Governor

New York, Apr. 4 - A jury of 12 men found John Peter Zenger, publisher of the New York Weekly Journal, not guilty of libel today.

Three weeks ago, Zenger published an article critical of John Cosby, the royal governor of New York. In the article, Zenger asserted that the governor was guilty of corruption. Because the jury found the accusations to be truthful, they ruled in favor of Zenger, asserting that the press should have the

right to print information so long as it is true.



Publisher, John Peter Zenger



Maybe this will make you think twice. Sinner William Christopher suffers the consequences of drinking alcohol on the Sabbath

Legislature Passes Stricter Slave Law

Richmond, Apr. 1 - The Virginia House of Burgesses passed legislation today prohibiting slave owners from teaching their slaves to read or write.

Burgess James Archer explained that the legislation is intended to prevent slaves from being exposed to ideas which might encourage revolts. "I was elected," he explained, "by the planters of this colony to ensure the protection of their freedoms and their property. We cannot allow our slaves to be exposed to the dangerous ideas of anti-slavery rabble-rousers."

The bill must still be signed by the royal governor before becoming law.

Questions:

1. What four democratic characteristics of colonial America can you find in this newspaper?
2. What four undemocratic characteristics of colonial America can you find in this newspaper?