

Anglicanism in the North American Colonies

Where the Church Was Not Established
Massachusetts

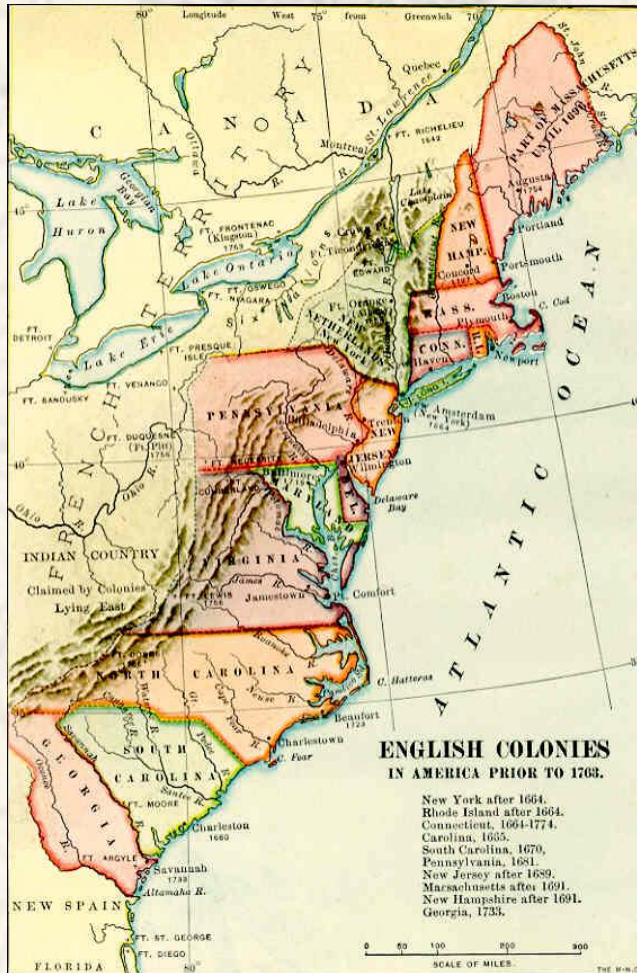
Initially Two Separate Colonies

The Plymouth Colony

The Massachusetts Bay Colony

Eventually Merged

No Prayer Book Anglicanism in Either



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Massachusetts Bay Company

Patent

issued to John Endicott

by the Council for New England

Land between Charles and Merrimac rivers

Initially a commercial venture

Soon attracted religious emigrants

Most founders were Puritan Anglicans

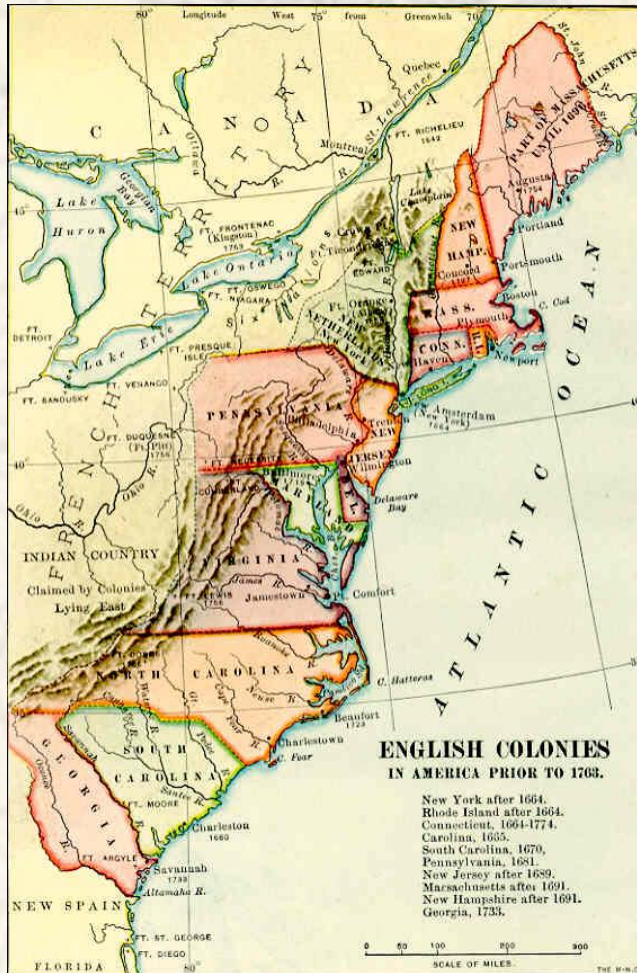
Some regard for C of E; not Separatist

But Nonconformist; wanted further reforms

Fleeing Laudian penalties

Came to America

“to establish a Bible Commonwealth in which they should play the principal parts and bend others to their will” Channing, in Addison, *TECUS*, 1789-1931, 40



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Population Growth

1628

Salem

More Puritans begin to arrive

1630

Governor John Winthrop

11 ships, establishment of Boston

1633

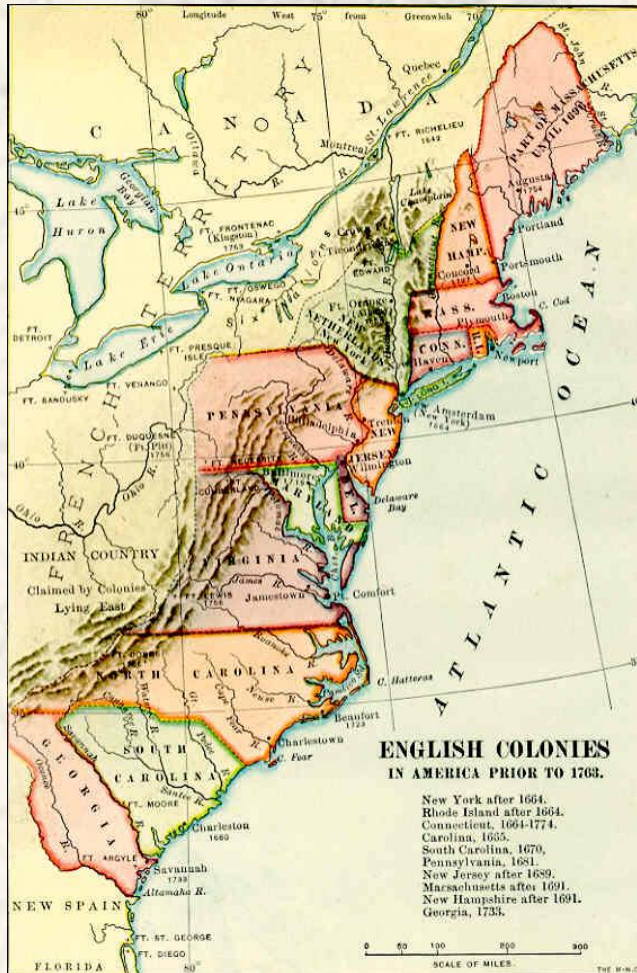
Steady increase in Puritan immigration

Year of Laud's elevation to AbC

By 1650

Massachusetts Bay Colony over 16,000

More than rest of British America



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Religious Convergence

Massachusetts Bay loses Anglican loyalties

Congregational paradigm becomes norm

Governor Winthrop:

“no church [local congregation] can have power over another church”

De facto congregationalism?

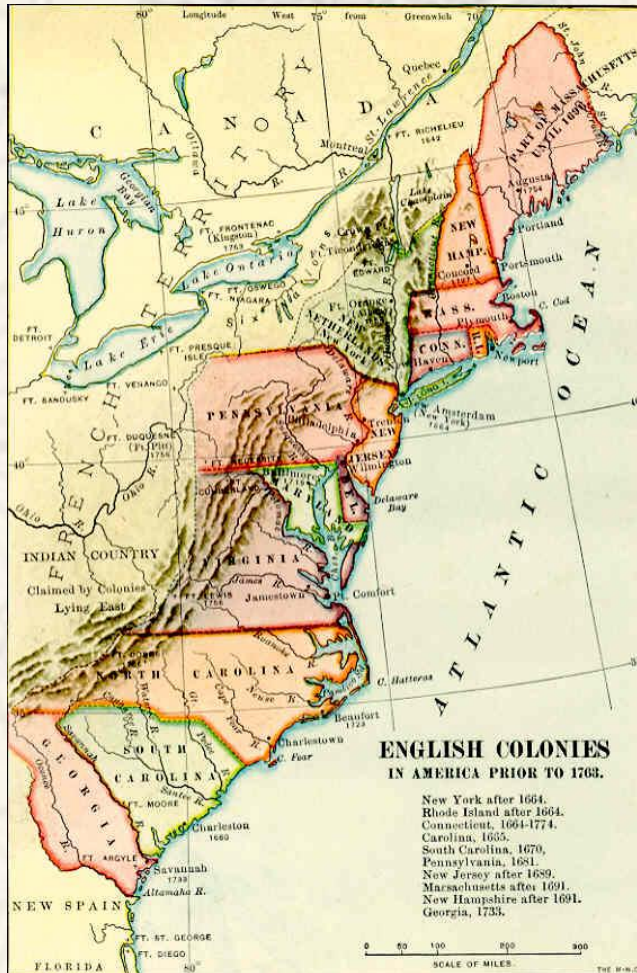
Boston becomes intolerant

No ‘prelacy’

No Prayer Book

“Dissent” = conformity

Conformists expunged



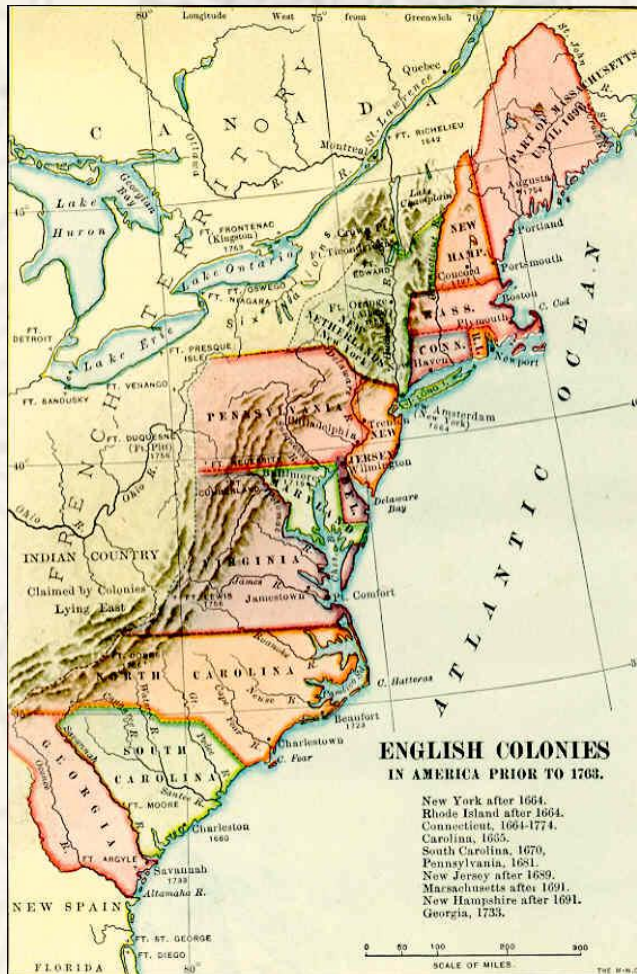
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1664: Charles II's Restoration-era commission
Cannot get them to use Prayer Book
27 years of frustration on this front

“In 1679 there was not one Episcopal clergyman in all New England. Having deliberately identified itself not only with royal absolutism but with unrelenting hostility to every variety of Puritanism, the Church of England was now paying the price in America.”
Addison, *TECUS*, 1789-1931, 41



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Royal Province:

1684: Charles II

1685: James II

May 14, 1686

Joseph Dudley

‘President of New England’

Arrives Boston Harbor

With him, Rev. Robert Ratcliffe, Anglican

James II

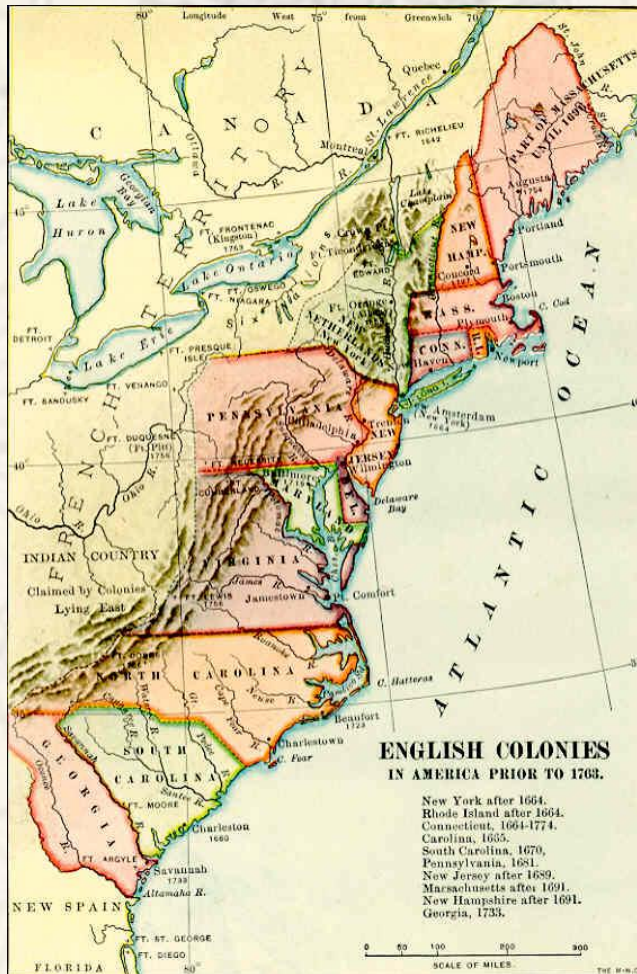
Head of Church of England

Roman Catholic identity notwithstanding

C of E to be established in MBC

Uphill battle; no church receives Ratcliffe

Services in a room in the Town House



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December 1686 Sir Edmund Andros arrives

Forces agreement

Anglican worship allowed

In South Meeting House

‘Church Planting’

Parish/vestry organized

Ratcliffe appointed rector

Within 3 years built King’s Chapel

Ire of local Congregationalists

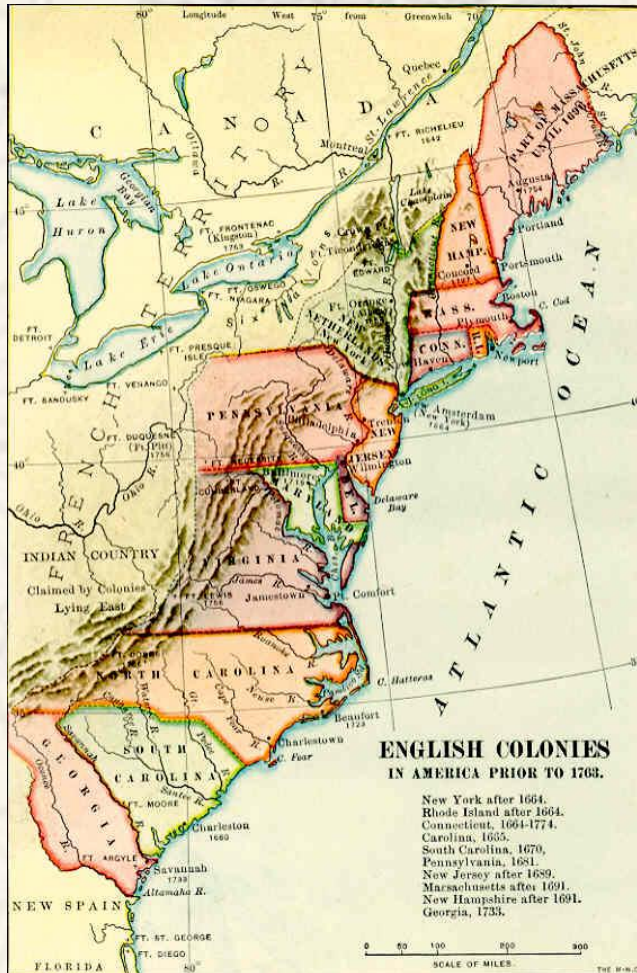
Increase Mather

“The Unlawfulness of the Common

Prayer Worship”

“those broken responds and shreds of
prayer which the priests and people toss
between them like tennis balls”

Anglican worship: papacy & idolatry



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1689: Accession of William and Mary
Initial rejoicing among Congregationalists
Ouster of Andros
No real boon to Congregational interests

New charter, 1691

eliminates previous connection between
Congregational church
'State'

Royal Governors
'Establishment'

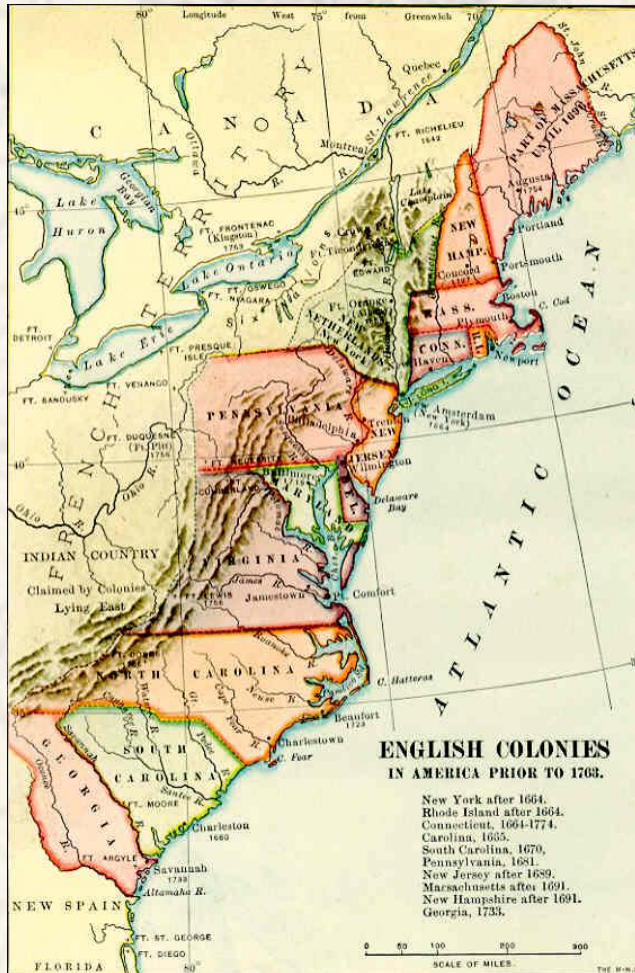
Now able to assert Anglicanism

Liabilities

Church of England = Church of the King

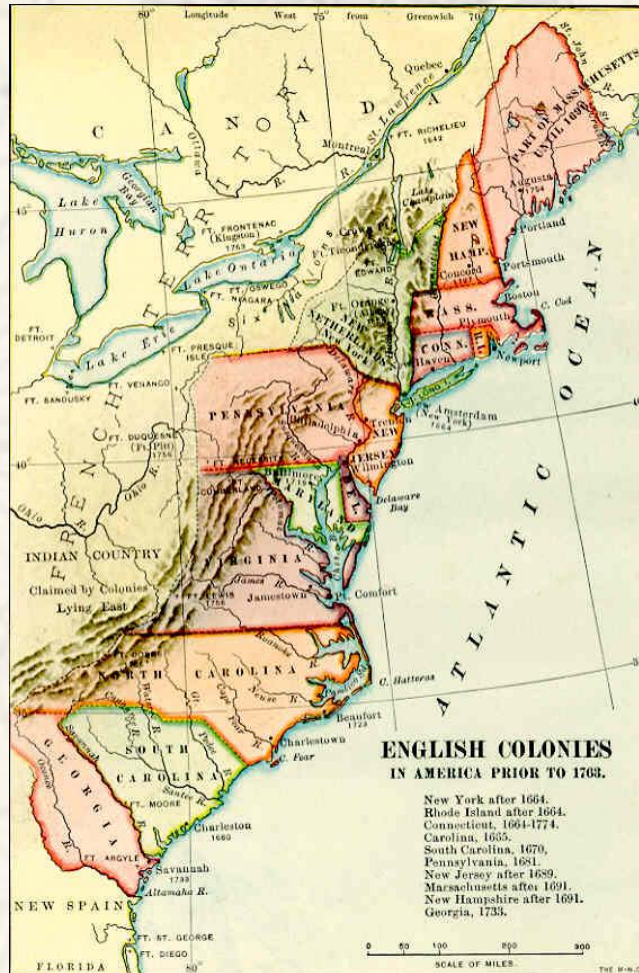
Resentment

Struggle for resources



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Two Kinds of Colonial Context

Where the Church Was Established

Virginia

Maryland

Carolina ('North' & 'South')

Georgia

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New Hampshire

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New York

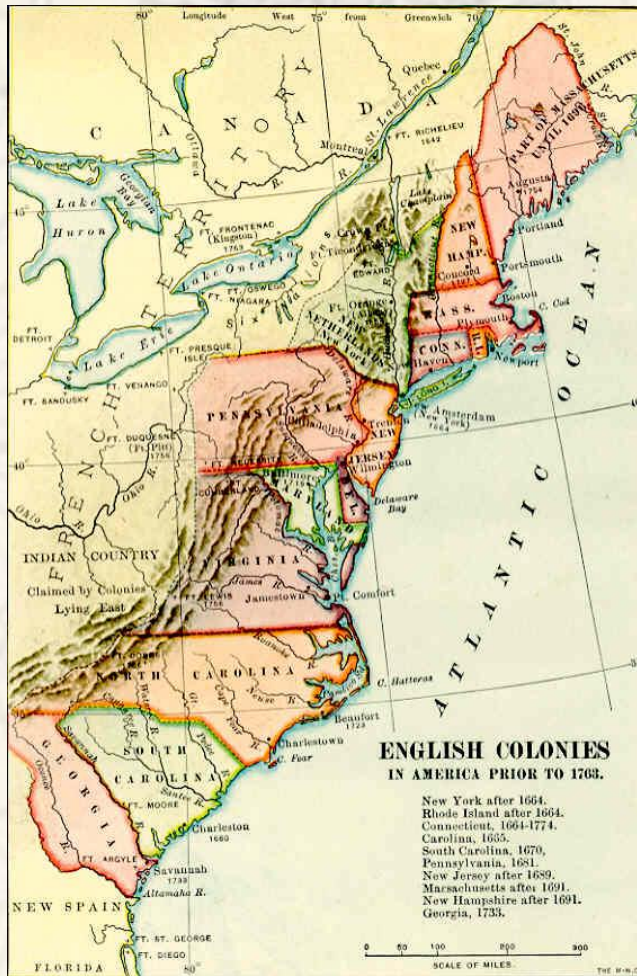
New Jersey

Pennsylvania

Delaware

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Anything in Common?

Thomas Bray

Maryland's Governor & Assembly petition

Bishop of London responds

1696: Thomas Bray appointed as commissary

Spends four years before trip to Maryland

Recruiting clergy

Raising money to establish libraries

Founds SPCK in 1698

Arrives Maryland March 1700

Attends meeting of Assembly

Anglican worship made compulsory

Bray returns to England after 2.5 months

Had increased clergy to 17

Had completed effective visitation

Bray's Real Legacy: SPCK/SPG

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

(in Foreign Parts)