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History of the First Provincial Congress



Read the following passage. Underline the important events and when they took place. Write any questions you have in the box below.

In 1773, the British Parliament passed new laws that taxed American colonists. The colonists thought this was unfair. They sent letters to Parliament in protest, but Parliament did not listen. People in Boston had enough. On December 16, 1773, they stole chests of tea off ships and threw them into the harbor. This protest was called the Boston Tea Party.

Parliament responded by passing new, harsher tax laws that punished Boston. People all over the colonies were angry. In North Carolina, William Hooper called for a meeting of 71 leaders from all counties and larger towns to discuss the taxes and punishments. This First Provincial Congress met in New Bern on August 25, 1774 for three days. They passed a set of resolutions to boycott British trade goods until Parliament fixed the tax problems.

The Provincial Congress wanted to see the colonies unite. They began to plan a new government. They chose William Hooper, Richard Caswell, and Joseph Hewes to represent the thirteen British colonies at the Continental Congress in September. In October, women in Edenton held their own meeting.

My questions: