The Battle of Golden Hill

Beginning in 1765, colonists who opposed Parliament’s attempts to tighten control over Britain’s North American Empire began to protest. These protests led to small-scale riots in colonial cities, such as New York City.

The Removal of the Liberty Pole

Alexander McDougall was a Sons of Liberty leader from New York City. After the New York Assembly finally voted to comply with the Quartering Act in December 1769, Alexander McDougall issued an anonymous broadside entitled "To the Betrayed Inhabitants of the City and Colony of New York". In response, on January 17, 1770, British soldiers sawed down a Liberty Pole. The red coats also posted their own handbills which attacked the Sons of Liberty as "the real enemies of society" who "thought their freedom depended on a piece of wood".

The Riot on Golden Hill
The Battle of Golden Hill is considered the “first bloodshed of the American Revolution.” However, this event has been largely forgotten by history. Evaluating Evidence—Why is the Battle of Golden Hill forgotten while the Boston Massacre, an event of equal significance, is remembered?

Increasing Tensions