**The Quartering Act**

During the French and Indian War, Lieutenant General Thomas Gage (who was commander-in-chief of all British forces in America) found it a constant struggle to get marching British troops a place to sleep. After the war ended, he appealed to Britain’s Parliament to solve this problem. Because of this, The Quartering Actwas passed on May 15, 1765. This law provided that [Great Britain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Great_Britain) would house its soldiers in American [barracks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barracks) (temporary huts) and public houses (now known as “pubs” or “bars”). However, if its soldiers outnumbered the housing available, the army would quarter them in businesses such as inns, livery stables, and restaurants. If room was still needed, troops would be placed in *"uninhabited houses, outhouses, barns, or other buildings”.* This, as a last resort, included peoples’ homes. Colonial authorities were required to pay the cost of housing and feeding these troops.