

### LEGAL HOLIDAYS IN MARYLAND.

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The following days in each and every year, namely, the first day of January, commonly called "New Year's Day"; the 22nd day of February, known as "Washington's Birthday"; the 25th day of March, known as "Maryland Day"; "Good Friday"; the first Monday in September, commonly called "Labor Day"; the 30th day of May, commonly called "Decoration Day"; the 4th of July, called "Independence Day"; the 12th of September, known as "Defenders' Day"; the 12th day of October, known as "Columbus Day"; the 25th day of December, called "Christmas Day"; and all days of general and congressional elections throughout the State.

All special days that may be appointed or recommended by the Governor of this State or the President of the United States as the days of thanksgiving, fasting and prayer or other religious observance, or for the general cessation of business.

#### Sundays.

In accordance with the provisions of Joint Resolution No. 13, passed by the General Assembly of 1920, Governor Ritchie proclaimed Armistice Day, November 11th, a legal holiday throughout the State.

Whenever the first day of January, the twenty-second day of February, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the twelfth day of September, the twelfth day of October, or twenty-fifth day of December, shall, either of them, occur on Sunday, the Monday next following shall be deemed and shall be treated as a public holiday, for all or any the purposes relating to negotiable instruments, provided, however, that in such case, all bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts, and promissory notes, which would otherwise be presentable for acceptance or for payment on either of the Mondays so observed as a holiday, shall be deemed to be presentable for acceptance or for payment on the secular or business day next succeeding such Monday; and such Monday so observed shall, for all purposes whatever, as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance, and of the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts and promissory notes, be also treated and considered as is the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday. (P. G. L., Art 13, Sec. 10.)

#### DEFENDERS' DAY.

September 12th, known as "Defenders' Day," is a legal holiday, in memory of the successful resistance of British invasion of Baltimore in 1814, when General Ross and Admiral Cockburn landed a large force on North Point at the mouth of the Patapsco, and being defeated then opened the unsuccessful bombardment of Fort McHenry the next day, which inspired the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key.