



THE MARYLAND STATE HOUSE, BUILT 1772

The Annapolis Convention of 1786, forerunner of the Convention that framed the American Constitution, met in the old Senate Chamber. Three years earlier, in this same room, Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental armies. Here also the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain was ratified in 1784.

Maryland and Massachusetts are the only two states with Capitol buildings dating from before Revolution. The building pictured above is the third on this site. The first, built in 1697, was destroyed by fire, and the second, built in 1704, was torn down to make room for the present structure.