

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.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS.

Saturday half-holiday laws are in force in the following places:

In the city of Annapolis, by Act of 1894, Chapter 167.

In the city of Baltimore, by Act of 1898, Chapter 198.

In Baltimore county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 152.

In Harford county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 154.

In Montgomery county, by Act of 1898, Chapter 366.

In Cecil county, by Act of 1900, Chapter 87.

In Ellicott City, by Act of 1902, Chapter 151.

In the city of Westminster, by Act of 1902, Chapter 443.

ARBOR DAY.

By resolution of the General Assembly of 1894, the Governor is authorized to designate by proclamation one day in April, annually, for tree planting, to be known as "Arbor and Highway Day."

REPUDIATION DAY.

The General Assembly of 1894 made November 23rd a bank half-holiday in Frederick county, under the title of "Repudiation Day," in commemoration of the repudiation of the Stamp Act in 1765.

GENERAL PULASKI MEMORIAL DAY.

By Joint Resolution No. 5 of the General Assembly of 1931, the Governor is authorized to proclaim October 11th of each year as Pulaski Day, in commemoration of the death of General Casimir Pulaski.

REPUBLIC OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA DAY

By Joint Resolution No. 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, the Governor is directed to proclaim October 28th of each year for the observance and commemoration of the founding of the Republic of Czechoslovakia.

REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY

By Joint Resolution No. 8 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, the Governor is directed to proclaim February 16th of each year for the observance and commemoration of the founding of the Republic of Lithuania.