

- 1747 Tobacco inspection law enabled Maryland to control quality of exports.
- 1755 Gen. Edward Braddock's expedition through Maryland to the west.
- 1763-1767 Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon surveyed boundary line with Pennsylvania.
- 1765, Nov. 23 Stamp Act resistance at Frederick.
- 1772, March 28 Cornerstone laid for State House in Annapolis.
- 1774, June 22 First Provincial Convention met at Annapolis.
- 1774, Oct. 19 Burning of the *Peggy Stewart* in Annapolis harbor.
- 1775, March 22 "Bush Declaration" signed, Harford County.
- 1775, July 26 Association of Freemen formed.
- 1776, June 26 Departure of Robert Eden, Maryland's last colonial governor.
- 1776, July 4 Declaration of Independence adopted in Philadelphia. Engrossed copy signed by Marylanders William Paca, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase.
- 1776, July 6 Maryland Convention declared independence from Great Britain.
- 1776, Nov. 3 Declaration of Rights adopted by Ninth Convention. Church of England disestablished.
- 1776, Nov. 8 First State Constitution adopted by Ninth Convention.
- 1776, Dec. 20-1777, March 4 Continental Congress met at Baltimore.
- 1777, Feb. 5 First General Assembly elected under State Constitution of 1776 met at Annapolis.
- 1781, March 1 Maryland ratified, and thereby made effective, the Articles of Confederation.
- 1781, Nov. 5 John Hanson elected President of the United States in Congress Assembled.
- 1782 Washington College established at Chestertown.
- 1783, Nov. 26-1784, June 3 Continental Congress met at Annapolis.
- 1783, Dec. 23 Washington resigned commission as commander in chief of Continental Army at State House in Annapolis.
- 1784 St. John's College established at Annapolis.
- 1784, Jan. 14 Treaty of Paris, ending Revolutionary War, ratified by Congress at Annapolis.
- 1785, March 28 Mt. Vernon Compact, an agreement on navigation and fishing in Potomac and Chesapeake Bay, signed by Maryland and Virginia commissioners.
- 1785, Aug. China trade begun with arrival of Canton cargo at Baltimore.
- 1785, Nov. 22 Mt. Vernon Compact ratified by Maryland.
- 1786, Sept. 11-14 Annapolis Convention held to discuss revisions to Articles of Confederation. Maryland sent no representatives.
- 1787, Sept. 17 U.S. Constitution signed by Marylanders Daniel Carroll, James McHenry, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, at Philadelphia.
- 1787, Nov. 29 Luther Martin's report, *The Genuine Information*, criticized proposed U.S. Constitution, including its omission of a bill of rights.
- 1788, April 28 Maryland, the seventh state, ratified U.S. Constitution.
- 1789, Dec. 19 Maryland ratified Bill of Rights, first ten amendments to U.S. Constitution.
- 1791, Dec. 19 Maryland ceded land for District of Columbia.
- 1796 Baltimore City incorporated.
- 1802 Property qualification for voting removed in local elections.
- 1803 *Viva voce* voting at elections changed to voting by ballot.
- 1807, Dec. 18 University of Maryland chartered as the College of Medicine of Maryland.