

- 1785, March 28. . . . . Mt. Vernon Compact, an agreement on navigation and fishing in Potomac River 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 federal 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.
- 1810 . . . . . Property qualification ended in voting for electors for president, vice-president, and congressmen.
- 1810 . . . . . Free blacks disenfranchised.
- 1814, Aug. 24 . . . . . Battle of Bladensburg.
- 1814, Sept. 12 . . . . . British repulsed at Battle of North Point.
- 1814, Sept. 13 . . . . . Bombardment of Fort McHenry, inspiring Francis Scott Key to write "Star-Spangled Banner."
- 1818 . . . . . National Road completed from Cumberland to Wheeling, West Virginia.
- 1819, March 6 . . . . . In *M'Culloch v. Maryland*, U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall interpreted Constitution to signify implied powers of federal government.
- 1824-1829 . . . . . Chesapeake and Delaware Canal constructed through Cecil County to link Chesapeake Bay with Delaware River.
- 1826 . . . . . Jewish enfranchisement, religious qualification for civil office removed.
- 1827, Feb. 28 . . . . . Baltimore and Ohio Railroad chartered.
- 1828-1848 . . . . . Chesapeake and Ohio Canal constructed (to Cumberland by 1848).
- 1837, May 17 . . . . . The Baltimore *Sun* began publication.
- 1838, Oct. 3 . . . . . Governor and State senators first elected by voters rather than by legislature.
- 1844, May 24 . . . . . Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrated telegraph line from Washington, DC, to Baltimore.
- 1845, Oct. 10 . . . . . U.S. Naval Academy founded at Annapolis.
- 1850, Nov. 4-1851, May 13. . . . . Constitutional Convention of 1850-1851.
- 1851, June 14 . . . . . Second State Constitution adopted.
- 1854-1859 . . . . . Rise of Know Nothing Party. Baltimore riots named city "Mobtown."
- 1859, Oct. 6 . . . . . Maryland Agricultural College opened at College Park.
- 1859, Oct. 16 . . . . . John Brown launched raid from Maryland on federal arsenal in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.
- 1861, April 19 . . . . . Sixth Massachusetts Union Regiment attacked by Baltimore mob.
- 1861, April 26 . . . . . General Assembly met in special session at Frederick while federal troops occupied Annapolis.
- 1861, May 13 . . . . . Gen. Benjamin F. Butler's Union forces occupied Baltimore.
- 1862, Sept. 14 . . . . . Battle of South Mountain.
- 1862, Sept. 17 . . . . . Battle of Antietam.