

Maryland Chronology, 1632–1789

	1632	
20 June		Charles I grants Maryland charter to Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore
	1634	
25 March		Settlers arrive in Maryland
	1649	
21 April		Maryland Act for Religious Toleration
	1692	
April		William and Mary declare Maryland a royal colony
	1715	
February		Crown restores property rights to Benedict Leonard Calvert, 4th Lord Baltimore
	1718	
		Catholics disenfranchised by Assembly
	1727	
September		Annapolis <i>Maryland Gazette</i> , first Maryland newspaper, established
	1747	
		Tobacco Inspection Law passed (ensures quality of exported tobacco and sets clerical and proprietary officers' fees)
	1765	
October		Daniel Dulany, Jr., denounces Stamp Act in <i>Considerations on the Propriety of Imposing Taxes in the British Colonies</i>
23 November		Stamp Act resistance at Frederick
	1766	
		Sons of Liberty established in Baltimore County
	1769	
		Merchants adopt policy of nonimportation of British goods
	1772	
28 March		Cornerstone laid for new statehouse in Annapolis
	1774	
19 April		Last colonial Assembly prorogued

25 May Annapolis inhabitants meet and resolve that no lawyer bring suit for a British creditor against a Maryland debtor until the Intolerable Acts are repealed

22 June First Provincial Convention meets and sends delegates to First Continental Congress

14 October Arrival of *Peggy Stewart* in Annapolis with a cargo of tea

19 October *Peggy Stewart* burned

1775

22 March “Bush Declaration” calling for independence signed in Harford County

26 July Association of Freemen formed by Fifth Provincial Convention

29 August Council of Safety organized

December Association of Freemen begins recruiting troops

1776

26 June Departure of Robert Eden, Maryland’s last colonial governor

28 June Eighth Provincial Convention instructs delegates to Continental Congress to vote for independence

3 July Eighth Convention votes to call convention to draft state constitution

6 July Eighth Convention declares independence from Great Britain

3 November Declaration of Rights adopted by Ninth Provincial Convention

8 November Constitution adopted by Ninth Convention

20 December–
4 March 1777 Continental Congress meets in Baltimore

1777

5 February First General Assembly elected under new Constitution meets in Annapolis

1780

13 December General Assembly passes act allowing debtors to pay British creditors in depreciated paper money

1781

2 February Property of Loyalists and British subjects confiscated

2 February General Assembly adopts Articles of Confederation

1 March Maryland delegates in Congress sign Articles of Confederation

1782

15 June General Assembly adopts Impost of 1781

1783

26 May General Assembly adopts resolutions offering Annapolis as the federal capital

26 November 1783–
3 June 1784 Confederation Congress meets in Annapolis

2 December General Assembly adopts resolution granting Congress land for federal capital

1784

November General Assembly provides that Impost of 1781 goes into effect with adoption by twelve states

November General Assembly passes act authorizing Congress to regulate commerce

1785

28 March Mount Vernon Compact signed by Virginia and Maryland commissioners

1 December House of Delegates votes an issue of paper money primarily to be loaned

22 December House of Delegates passes bill for emission of paper money

24 December Senate unanimously rejects paper-money bill

1786

- 11 March General Assembly adopts Impost of 1783 when 12 states comply
- 12 March General Assembly adopts supplemental funds (12 states sufficient)
- 12 March General Assembly ratifies Mount Vernon Compact
- 12 June Charles County riot against lawyer trying to collect a debt due a British creditor
- 11–14 September Annapolis Convention (no Maryland commissioners appointed)
- 15 December House of Delegates passes paper-money bill
- 30 December Senate unanimously rejects paper-money bill

1787

- 1 January House of Delegates passes tender bill
- 6 January Senate unanimously rejects tender bill
- May House of Delegates passes installment act
- May Senate makes installment act voluntary on part of creditors—
House rejects
- 15 May General Assembly makes Treaty of Peace law of the land
- 26 May Maryland names delegates to Constitutional Convention
- 22 September Constitution first printed in Maryland
- 29 November Maryland's delegates to the Constitutional Convention report in House of Delegates
- 1 December General Assembly legislature calls state convention
- 28 December *Genuine Information* I published in the Baltimore *Maryland Gazette*

1788

- 31 January Pamphlet by "Aristides" published

7–10 April	Maryland election of state convention delegates
12 April	Publication of <i>Genuine Information</i> as pamphlet in Philadelphia
21–29 April	Maryland Convention meets in Annapolis
28 April	Maryland Convention signs Form of Ratification
1 May	Baltimore procession celebrates Maryland ratification
23 December	General Assembly offers 10 miles square for federal capital
1789	
19 December	General Assembly adopts twelve amendments to Constitution