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*First Lord Baltimore.*



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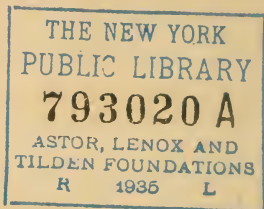
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## P R E F A C E.

IN preparing this abridgment of McSherry's History of Maryland, while strictly observing its spirit, I have not confined myself entirely to the text of that excellent work; whenever I have thought a fact could be more clearly elucidated, or the narrative made more interesting to the young, I have drawn freely from Bozman, from McMahan, from Bancroft, Irving, Davis, and other authentic sources.

The Proprietary government, under which Maryland was established and grew up, is known to her people almost only by its name. Yet it is in that government that we find the germs of those principles of popular liberty that resulted in the Revolution; and it is in the free institutions established under it, that we recognize the school in which our fathers learned both the true objects of government, and their own rights as individuals.

There is perhaps no stimulus to worthy deeds, or at least to the preservation of self-respect, equal to that which is furnished in the legacy of a good name. That our youth should know how rich the History of Maryland is in all that can inspire noble emulation, is not only desirable in itself, but is the surest pledge that they will be animated to deeds worthy of their sires, and that, by "imitating the virtue, the valor, and the liberality of their forefathers," they will hand down the State to posterity with untarnished lustre.

In the hope that this little book may be instrumental in promoting this knowledge among the rising generation of our State, it is submitted to the public.

HENRY ONDERDONK.

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## PART I.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### INTRODUCTORY.

*Motives for coming to this Country—Religion thought to be a part of the business of Government—Intolerance, the Spirit of the Age—Maryland an exception—Why Colonists left England—Different kinds of Colonial Governments.*

1. THE general history of the discovery and settlement of North America is presumed to be so familiar to the students of this History, as not to require any recapitulation here.

2. Many motives induced the people of the Old World, as Europe was called, after the discovery of America, to come to this country. Some came to seek for gold; some, for adventure and the im-

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*Questions.*—2. What were some of the motives that led emigrants to come to this country?

provement of their worldly affairs; and some, to seek an asylum where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, without disobeying the laws of the land, or coming in conflict with those that were in power.

3. In those times it was thought a part of the business of the government to legislate about religious matters. No one, then, objected to the principle that the government had this right. They objected to the right being enforced against themselves. We see this from the history of the Puritans, who, however they resisted, or fled from, laws against the exercise of their own religion, did not hesitate to pass very severe enactments against those who conscientiously differed from themselves.

4. The case is very different now, none but the most misguided partizans claiming that "government is based upon the religious ideas of those who carry it on, and, that they have the right to control the religion." But at the time of the settlement of the colonies, it was thought "that in a well governed and Christian community, matters concerning religion and the honor of God, ought,

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*Questions.*—3. What was thought to be a part of the business of the government? What is said of the Puritans? 4. What is the case now? What was thought at the time of the settlement of the colonies?

in the first place, to be taken into earnest consideration and endeavored to be settled."

5. We are not, then, to blame any particular body of Christians for its intolerant spirit, for it was exercised by all denominations alike,—if we exclude the Quakers, or Friends. It was the spirit of the age.

6. The toleration, and freedom of conscience that characterized the Colony of Maryland, have placed it in advance of its age, and made its history the proudest of that of any of the colonies. For here, in the language of Bancroft, "religious liberty obtained a home, its only home in the wide world. Every other country in the world had persecuting laws; but through the benign administration of the government of Maryland, no person professing to believe in Jesus Christ was permitted to be molested on account of religion."

7. In England the laws bore very hard on all who did not conform to the established religion. These Non-Conformists consisted chiefly of the Puritans and the Roman Catholics. The Puritans left the country in great numbers, and settled

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*Questions.*—5. Are we to blame any particular body of Christians for intolerance? Why? 6. What characterized the Colony of Maryland? What does Bancroft say? Who could not be molested? 7. What is said of the laws in England? Who were the Non-Conformists? What of the Puritans?

chiefly in New England. A colony under a Roman Catholic proprietary, and governor, and consisting mostly of Roman Catholic gentlemen, came to Maryland.

8. North America having been discovered by English subjects, belonged by right of discovery to the crown. Hence, when colonies were formed to settle any part of the newly acquired territory, the crown gave them tracts of land, together with rights and privileges, at the same time imposing certain conditions which the colonists were to fulfil.

9. The deed or document by which all this was done was called the *Grant* or *Charter*. These charters were given by the King to individuals, to companies, or to the colonists themselves. Hence there arose among the colonies three kinds of governments, viz: The *proprietary government*, the *charter government*, and the *royal government*.

10. The royal governments were under the immediate rule of the crown. The charter governments were those in which the administration of their affairs was in their own hands. The proprietary governments were those in which the charter

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*Questions.*—7. Who formed the Maryland colony? 8. Who gave the colonies their land, and by what right? 9. What is meant by the *Charter*? To whom were they given? 10. What were the royal governments? What, the charter? What, the proprietary?



granting territory, conferred upon the person or persons to whom it was made, the right of governing the people who settled within the limits of their charter.

11. The charter of Maryland exhibits to us the form of a proprietary government. The proprietary was not a company, but a single person, and at his death his heir succeeded to his rights and privileges.

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*Question.*—11. What kind of government had Maryland?

## CHAPTER II.

LORD BALTIMORE—*The Founder of Maryland—Early Schemes—Newfoundland—Sails for Virginia—Chesapeake Bay—Return to England—Death—Cecil Calvert—Opposition of Virginia Colony—Claiborne.*

1. THE founder of Maryland, Sir George Calvert, afterwards Lord Baltimore, was an English gentleman of finished education. He was one of the principal Secretaries of State, and was subsequently a member of the House of Commons. He always maintained the rights, and protected the interests of the king, who did not fail to prove his grateful recollection of Calvert's loyalty.

2. Sir George had early engaged in the schemes of colonization of that period, and very important trusts had been committed to him. His devotion to the duties of his office earned for him the esteem and confidence of the king. But in 1624, he resigned, either because his oath of office was incompatible with his religious belief as a Roman Catholic, or lest it might become his duty, as Secretary,

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*Questions.*—1. The founder of Maryland? Who was Lord Baltimore? What is said of him? 2. Why did he resign his office?

to execute the penal laws against the members of that church.

3. As was mentioned in the previous chapter, the spirit of intolerance pervaded England, in fact the whole world. Although Sir George felt assured of the protection of the king, he determined to seek another land, and to found a new state, where, what hitherto was unknown, conscience should be free, and every man might worship God according to his heart, in peace and perfect security.

4. At first, he fixed his eyes on Newfoundland, in the settlement of which he had before been interested. But finding the climate and soil unsuitable, he determined to seek a more genial country in the south. Accordingly in 1628, he sailed to Virginia, with the intention of settling within the limits of that colony, or, more probably, to explore the uninhabited country on its border, in order to secure a grant of it from the king.

5. Being unwilling to subscribe to the oath of allegiance that was tendered him by the colony, he left their borders and explored the Chesapeake above the settlements.

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*Questions.*—3. What did he determine to do? 4. Where did he first think of settling? Why did he abandon that intention? When did he set sail and for what place? What was his design? 5. Why did he leave Virginia?

6. He was pleased with the beautiful and well-wooded country, which surrounded the noble inlets and indentations of the great bay, and determined there to found his colony. He felt satisfied that he had selected a territory possessing all the elements of future prosperity, fertile in soil, traversed by majestic rivers, and enjoying a climate unsurpassed elsewhere upon the continent.

7. Lord Baltimore returned to England, it is supposed, in 1629. In 1632, without any difficulty, he procured from his Majesty, Charles I, son of his former patron, the promise of a grant. The patent was prepared by Lord Baltimore himself, but before it was executed, that truly great and good man died, on April 15th, 1632.

8. His eldest son, Cecil, having inherited his father's title and estate, received from the king the Charter promised to the father. The date of the Charter is the 20th of June, in the eighth year of the reign of Charles I, or 1632. The country granted by this charter was named Maryland, in honor of Queen

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*Questions.*—6. Where did he determine to found his colony?  
7. When did he return to England? When, and from whom did he obtain his charter? Who prepared it? When did he die?  
8. Who received the charter? What was its date? What was the country called?

Henrietta Maria, instead of Crescentia, which was to have been the original name.

9. The Virginia colony opposed the scheme of Lord Baltimore, claiming that the grant transferred to others, territory belonging to them. William Claiborne had, under virtue of powers granted him by the Virginia colony, established a trading post on Kent Island, a part of the Maryland grant.

10. But as the charters of Virginia had been dissolved, the king and his ministers considered that the right was vested in the crown, of re-granting such parts of the territory of Virginia, formerly included within the lines of these charters, as had not before been given to particular individuals. As will be seen, this was a source of future trouble in the colony of Maryland.

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- Questions.*—9. Who opposed the scheme of Baltimore? Why?  
10. How did the king and his ministers regard this claim?

## CHAPTER III.

THE CHARTER—*Powers granted by the Charter—Land and Churches—“Hitherto uncultivated” lands—Application of the term—Claiborne—Swedes and Dutch—Boundary lines by the Charter.*

1. By this charter, Cecil, now Lord Baltimore, and his heirs, were created absolute Proprietaries of Maryland. The proprietary had full, free, and absolute power to enact laws, with the advice, assent, and approbation of the freemen of the Province. But another clause of the charter seems to grant this power to the proprietary without the necessity of calling the Assembly, “provided these ordinances be consonant to reason, and be not repugnant nor contrary, but (so far as may be conveniently done) agreeable to the laws, statutes or rights of the kingdom of England,” and further these ordinances must not interfere with the persons or property of any one. This afterwards led to some disagreement between the proprietary and the assembly.

2. The proprietary had full power to grant to his colonists such tracts of land as they

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*Questions.*—1. What were the powers of the proprietary? What is said of another clause in the charter? 2. What is said of granting lands?

might purchase. He was also granted the "license and faculty of erecting and founding churches, chapels and places of worship in convenient and suitable places, and of causing the same to be dedicated according to the laws of our kingdom of England."

3. In the second section of the charter,—in that part which is technically called the recital—it is said that Calvert "being animated with a laudable and pious zeal for extending the *Christian religion*, and the territories of our empire, besought leave to transport a numerous colony of the English nation to a certain region afterwards to be described, in a country *hitherto uncultivated and partly occupied by savages*."

4. Historians assert that the opponents to this charter claimed that these words *hitherto uncultivated* rendered the grant void, because, within the limits marked out by the charter, there were already settlements, namely, one on Kent Island, established by William Claiborne, and one by the Swedes and Dutch.

5. Whether there is any validity in these objections or not, there is some doubt whether

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*Questions.*—2. Of building churches? 3. What is said in the second section of the charter? 4. What do historians assert that opponents to the charter claimed? 5. What is said of this objection?

these settlements existed at the time Lord Baltimore visited the Chesapeake, and doubtless, he was perfectly honest in describing the country as "hitherto uncultivated." It seems that these words in the recital, or preamble to the charter itself, were very general in their application, and, in this sense, the region marked out by the charter, was uncultivated. The trading station on Kent Island could, with no show of reason, be claimed as rendering a country cultivated.

6. The Dutch settlements were afterwards included in the colony of Delaware, and gave no trouble. They were, however, made the plea, upon which William Penn deprived the Maryland colony of a large and fertile territory. But Claiborne, basing his claim upon the words, *hitherto uncultivated*, asserted his independence of Calvert's grant.

7. The territories described by the charter, extended from Watkins' Point opposite the mouth of the Potomac river, northward to the fortieth degree of north latitude, and from the Atlantic ocean and Delaware bay on the East, to the Potomac river on the

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*Questions.*—5. What of Kent Island? 6. What, of the Dutch settlements? Of Claiborne? 7. What were the boundaries of the province, by the charter?



West. By examining a map it will be seen that this included a part of what are now Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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## CHAPTER IV.

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF MARYLAND—*Preparations—Leonard Calvert—Embarkation—The “Ark” and “Dove,” and the “Mayflower”—Arrival—Landing—Explorations—Interview with Indians—Treaty with them—Treatment of them—Advantages enjoyed by other colonies—The striking features of this colony.*

1. As soon as the grant was obtained, Cecil Calvert commenced his preparations for the establishment of a colony. It was originally his intention to accompany it, but deeming that the interest of the enterprise demanded his remaining in England, he confided his colony to his brother, Leonard Calvert, whom he constituted lieutenant general, or governor.

2. The colony was soon prepared for embarkation, and on the 22nd of November, 1633, it departed from the Isle Wight. The company consisted of about two hundred

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*Questions.*—1. Did Cecil Calvert accompany his colony? Whom did he send? 2. Date and place of embarkation?

persons, who embarked in two vessels, **THE ARK**, and **THE DOVE**.

3. These names are not so familiar to the people of the country, or even of Maryland, as those of the *Mayflower*, and *Speedwell*.—Most of our school histories having emanated from that part of the country settled by the emigrants of these vessels, perhaps an undue prominence is given to the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock over those of St. Mary's. Whatever can be claimed for the Puritan colony, as commanding our admiration, the Maryland colony can claim with greater justice. Their motive for leaving was as pure, and their manner of doing so, no less pious, for in leaving their homes, their friends and relatives to plant seeds of religious liberty, they were careful to place their ships under the protection of Almighty God.

4. Though they have had neither poet nor painter to celebrate from sea to sea their heroic motive, their pious devotion of themselves to the care of Him who rules the raging of the sea, their no less pious thanksgiving on their landing, theirs was none the

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*Questions.*—2. Names of the vessels? 3. What is said of these names? How does their departure compare with that of the *Mayflower* and *Speedwell*? 4. What further is said?

less a mighty undertaking; standing out in history, as an era in the progress of mankind.

5. After many difficulties and some dangers, these two vessels, though separated by storms on the ocean, arrived safely off Point Comfort in Virginia, on the 24th of February, 1634.— Having remained in Virginia a few days, they set sail for the banks of the Potomac, where they found mighty forests, a soil rich and fertile; the air sweet and balmy; and they returned thanks to God for the beautiful land which he had given them — for this was MARYLAND.

6. Although they beheld groups of armed savages prepared to prevent their landing, and other demonstrations of hostility, they succeeded in establishing confidence in the breasts of the natives; and, having satisfied them of their peaceful intentions, at length purchased from them the territory they required. Maryland was almost the only State whose early settlement was not stained with the blood of the natives.

7. They landed on the 25th of March on an island, to which they gave the name of St.

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*Questions.*—5 When did they arrive at Point Comfort? What further is said? 6. What did they see on the shores? How did they obtain the land? 7. When did they land?

Clement's (now Blackiston's.) The colonists took solemn possession of Maryland, with religious services conducted according to the usages of the Roman Catholic church, and erected a cross as an emblem of christianity and civilization, which they were about to plant on those shores.

8. In order to make further discoveries, Governor Leonard Calvert proceeded further up the Potomac, near to the place now called New Marlboro', where there was an Indian village governed by Archihu, uncle to the king, or Wero-wance, who was still an infant.

9. When the governor asked the Indian chief if he were willing that his people should settle in his country, he replied, "I will not bid you go, neither will I bid you stay, but you may use your own discretion." Using this discretion the governor concluded it was not safe to settle so high up the river. He, therefore, returned down the Potomac to St. Clement's Island, and thence to a small river on the north side of the Potomac, which he called St. George.

10. He explored the St. George about twelve miles upwards, and anchored at the village of

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*Questions.*—7. What did they, on landing? 8. Where did the governor then go? 9. What did the governor ask, and what did the chief reply? What did the governor do? 10. What river did he explore?

the Ya-o-comico Indians. The Governor explained to the chief, or Wero-wance, his object in coming to his country.

11. The Wero-wance, after the custom of the Indians, made but little answer to the proposition of Governor Calvert; but, nevertheless, hospitably entertained him and his companions, giving up his own rude bed for the accommodation of the governor.

12. Having carefully examined the surrounding country, and finding it possessed of many advantages which rendered it an eligible site, Calvert determined to commence, at this place, his first settlement. The ship and pinnace which he had left at St. Clement's, were ordered to join him at Ya-o-comico.

13. To prepare the way for a peaceable admission into the country, he presented the Wero-wance and principal men with clothes, axes, hoes and knives, in return for which they granted him about thirty miles of territory, which he called Augusta Carolina, afterwards the county of St. Mary's.

14. The character of these presents to the Wero-wance indicates the desire of the colo-

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*Questions.*—11. How did the chief receive him? 12. What did he determine upon? 13. What presents did he make? 14. What did these presents indicate?

nist, namely, to introduce among the savages the first rudiments, as it were, of civilization—the implements of agriculture.

15. The Indians further agreed to give up to the settlers, for their immediate accommodation, one-half of their village, and corn grounds which they had already commenced to plant, reserving the other part for their own use, until the harvest should be gathered, when the whole of the purchased territory was to be surrendered to the colonists. Upon the 27th day of March, 1634, the governor took possession of the place, and named the town ST. MARY'S.

16. Most of the principal men, if not all, were Roman Catholics, and their object in colonizing was to enjoy, without molestation, liberty of conscience, and to secure religious toleration on the American continent. The American historian, Bancroft, in speaking of Calvert, says that "he deserves to be ranked among the most wise and benevolent law-givers of all ages. He was the first in the history of the Christian world to seek for religious security and peace by the practice of justice and not by the exercise of power."

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*Questions.*—15. What agreement did the Indians make? When did the governor take possession? What did he call the place?  
16. What does Bancroft say of Calvert?

17. While they lived in company with the natives at St. Mary's, the greatest harmony prevailed. The natives hunted with the English for deer and turkeys, and received from them in return, knives, beads and such other trifles as they desired. The women and children became domesticated in the English families. In the treatment of the savages of Maryland, the colony was always governed by the most exalted principles of christianity and philanthropy.

18. The territorial and personal rights of the natives were scrupulously respected, and earnest and persistent efforts were made to teach them religious truth and the arts of civilized life. Their lands were not taken from them by force and without their consent, but by honorable negotiation and purchase. The colonist purchased the rights of the aborigines for a consideration which gave them satisfaction. They offered no reward for Indian scalps, and their history is not stained with a King Philip's war. They offered the Indians words and *acts* of love and mercy.

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*Questions.*—17. Describe the life of the colonists with the natives?  
18. What is said of the rights of the natives? What did the colonists try to teach them? How were the lands obtained from them?

19. Fair and beautiful then was the origin of the State. No wrong or injustice towards the native stained the hands of its founders; no persecuting domination or exclusive franchise was reared upon its shores, but around the rough-hewn cross on the island of St. Clement's, gathered Catholic and Protestant, hand in hand, friends and brothers, equal in rights and secure alike in the free and full enjoyment of either creed. It was a day that should make the Maryland heart bound with pride and pleasure.

20. The descendants of other colonies have not only had the happiness of having historians, but of making literature a business and a trade, and have supplied the whole country with histories of their own making. Hence, at least, in school histories of our country one section has appropriated a very large share, and the other sections have been treated of in a very few chapters. To such an extent is this true, that these histories of the United States are very much like a Chinese map of the world, the Celestial Empire occupying all but the small corner that is left for the rest of mankind.

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*Questions.*—19. What is said in this section? 20. What happiness have other colonies enjoyed?



21. The first altar to religious liberty on this Continent was erected in MARYLAND; and the "Freedom of Conscience" that characterized the pilgrims of St. Mary's was not such as stained the annals of its history with the whipping of naked women, from town to town, at the tail of a cart, or the boring of the tongue with a red hot iron for being a Quaker, as was the case in other parts of the country.

22. For the first time in the history of the colonies, the savages were treated with *justice* and *mercy* in *Maryland*. Their land was bought from them, and their condition was improved. There is no national historical painting to perpetuate the memory of this treaty of amity and good will, but, assuredly, when on this first altar of religious liberty, the fires ascended to heaven amid the blessings of the savage, the memory of such a people "should not pass away from their descendants as an idle dream."

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*Questions.*—21. Where was the first altar to religious liberty raised? What kind of freedom of conscience was in Maryland?  
22. What is said in this section?

## CHAPTER V.

1634—1638—CLAIBORNE'S REBELLION—*Claiborne, the Evil Genius of the Colony—His Claim—Excites the Indians—Resorts to Violence—Flees to Virginia—Sent to England—First Legislative Assembly—Division of Land.*

1. The friendly relations which subsisted between the natives and the English were first disturbed by the improper insinuations circulated by Claiborne, called by historians the Evil Genius of the colony.

2. Before the charter had been issued, but probably after Lord Baltimore's visit to the Chesapeake, Claiborne had established a trading post on Kent Island. This he had done in virtue of a license to traffic with the natives, and thereupon, claimed a right to the property of the soil, not only of this island, but also of another settlement at the mouth of the Susquehanna.

3. He obtained his license to trade from Charles I, and afterwards from the Governor of Virginia. He was, therefore, subordinate

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*Questions.*—1. What first disturbed the friendly relations of the natives? 2. Where had Claiborne established trading posts? 3. From whom had he received his license? To whom was he subordinate?

to that colony, and dependent upon it. But when this island was included in the grant to Calvert, he was notified that if he remained he would be deemed subject to that colony. He applied to the council of Virginia for instruction how to act.

4. This colony being opposed to that of Lord Baltimore, and not being unwilling to thwart it, the council replied they saw no reason why he should give up any territory he had held of them. Lord Baltimore had ordered his arrest should he refuse to submit to his authority. He, however, was not taken, and being enraged that Baltimore had obtained a grant including the places where he had been accustomed to trade, sought every means in his power to defeat the success of the colony at St. Mary's.

5. As a means to this end he excited the fears and jealousies of the Indians, by persuading them that the new comers were not English, but Spaniards, the enemies of the English. The simple natives believed him, and suddenly withdrew from St. Mary's.

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*Questions.*—3. What did he do when his post was included in the Maryland colonies? 4. What did the council reply? What had Lord Baltimore ordered? 5. What did he do?

6. To meet any hostile attack that they might be stimulated to, the settlers postponed the building of their own houses, erected a block house or fortification, at the same time regulating their conduct towards the savages so as to re-awaken the old feelings of confidence and intimacy. The natives became convinced of the falsehood of the insinuations against the settlers, and again resorted to the colony.

7. Having failed in these efforts to rouse the jealousies of the savages, Claiborne resorted to more violent measures to support his pretensions. These pretensions were based upon the authority of Virginia. But, as has previously been mentioned, the Virginia charter had been annulled; notwithstanding, he determined to uphold his claim, and, if possible, drive the colony from the province.

8. To accomplish this he fitted out an armed vessel, under one lieutenant Warren, with orders to seize and capture any of the government or colony of St. Mary's. The second in command was Thomas Smith.—

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*Questions.*—6. What did the settlers do? 7. What did Claiborne now resort to? Upon what did he base his pretensions? What did he determine to do? 8. What did he fit out? With what orders? Who was second in command?

The colonists promptly met this hostile demonstration by fitting out two armed boats under command of Thomas Cornwallis.

9. In a battle between the hostile boats, commenced by Claiborne's men firing first upon those of Cornwallis, Claiborne's vessel was captured. He was thus deprived of his last resource, and his only safety was in flight. He sought security in Virginia, but was followed by commissioners sent by Calvert, to demand his surrender. Governor Harvey, of Virginia, however, sent him with the witnesses to England for trial. This was early in the year 1635.

10. During this year it appears that the first legislative assembly met. The records having been lost or destroyed, little is known of their proceedings. The laws which they passed, whether "wholesome" or otherwise, were dissented to by the Lord Proprietary, it is supposed, because, under the charter, he claimed the right of *initiating* or proposing the laws. He immediately, however, set about to frame a code for their acceptance.

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*Questions.*—8. Who commanded the boats of the colonists? 9. What was the result? Where did he go? What did Calvert do, and what, Governor Harvey? What year was this? 10. When did the first legislative assembly meet?

By referring to the beginning of Chapter III., the reader will see the clauses in the charter, which refer to this matter.

11. In accordance with the instructions of the proprietary, the land was divided among the settlers. Under the circumstances of danger, both from the savages and their own countrymen, the colonists were not disposed to extend their settlements beyond the limits of St. Mary's; within the city, lots of five and ten acres were granted to all who might apply for them. And, in the interior, tracts ranging from one hundred to three thousand acres, in proportion to the number of settlers, whom the persons applying introduced into the colony. A quit rent of twenty shillings for every thousand acres was reserved for the proprietary.

12. These liberal terms were well calculated to induce men of wealth, who were able to bear the expense of transporting servants and dependents, to emigrate to this province, and contribute to the growth and prosperity of the colony.

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*Questions.*—10. What is said of the laws they passed? 11. How was the land divided? 12. What was the effect of these liberal terms?

## CHAPTER VI.

1638 - 1642 — THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY—*Missionaries—Kent Island—New Hundred—New Code of Laws—Trial of Smith—Claiborne's efforts in England—Returns to Virginia—Missionaries—Conversion and Baptism of Tayac—Father White—Privileges of the Governor extended.*

1. Prior to 1638, the inhabitants of Kent Island had, to a certain extent, submitted to the government of Maryland, and courts were established there, in the name of the province, for the trial of civil and criminal cases. The factious followers of Claiborne, still looking forward to the success of their leader resisted the processes and warrants of the civil courts. A visit from the governor himself with a military force was necessary to bring it to complete subjection to his authority.

2. In the settlement at St. Mary's, the plantations had already extended to the west side of St. George's river, and there being large accessions from the northern country, a new hundred—a division similar to our election district—was erected.

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*Questions.*—1. What is said of the inhabitants of Kent Island? What was necessary? 2. Where was a New Hundred erected?

3. Lord Baltimore now caused the code which he had prepared, to be presented. But the people thinking that the power of making the laws was vested in them, and that the Proprietary had only a veto power, immediately rejected the laws sent by Baltimore, and set about framing such as they thought proper.

4. After a short time, however, the controversy was concluded by the Proprietary abandoning his claim, preferring the welfare of the colony to his own individual privileges, and satisfied that the veto power was sufficient to protect his authority in the provinces.

5. Thomas Smith, who had been captured in the expedition sent out by Claiborne, was tried for murder. He was found guilty, and sentenced to death, though it is not ascertained that he was executed. A bill of attainder was passed against Claiborne by which his property was confiscated to the proprietor.

6. Claiborne was still in England endeavoring to accomplish his object through the known avarice and unscrupulousness of the

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*Questions.*—3. What dispute between Lord Baltimore and the people? 4. How was the controversy concluded? 5. What was done with Smith? 6. Where was Claiborne, and what was he doing?



royal court. He boldly laid claim to the Isle of Kent and his dependencies, and charged the proprietary's officers with having attacked and slaughtered his men. In the trial of Smith, however, it was proved that the first fire was from Claiborne's boat. In a petition to the king he offered to pay the crown two hundred pounds sterling for a grant of the Isle of Kent, and other valuable possessions.

7. The whole matter having been referred to a proper committee, they reported, after a full investigation, that the lands in question belonged absolutely to Lord Baltimore, and that no trade with the Indians could be carried on without his consent.

8. Claiborne, thus baffled, returned to Virginia to carry on his old schemes of annoyance. The legislature, however, interfered and compelled him to desist. Then he dispatched an agent to Maryland praying the restoration of his property which had been confiscated to the government. His prayer was rejected and, for a while, he abandoned his efforts.

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*Questions.*—6. What did he charge upon the colonists? What was proved on the trial of Smith? What did Claiborne offer the king? 7. What was the report of the committee? 8. What did Claiborne do?

9. During the earlier years of the colony, the settlement was circumscribed within narrow limits, and the presence of the two missionaries who had accompanied the colony was required in the settlements. For these reasons their efforts at converting Indians, were confined to those who were in friendly relationship with the settlers. But as the colony increased new missionaries arrived from England.

10. These zealous men immediately began to penetrate into the interior, and visit every tribe and village. The Indians at Patuxent received them very kindly, and bestowed upon them a plantation called St. Mattapany on the Patuxent, where a missionary station and a store house were immediately erected. These men travelled in a boat, subsisted by hunting, and at night slept under cover of a slight tent. Confiding themselves to the protection of God they slept as soundly as if surrounded by the luxuries of a palace.

11. In five years they had extended them throughout a large portion of the province;

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*Questions.*—9. How many missionaries accompanied the colonists? Why did they not go abroad among the Indians? Did they teach the Indians in the settlement? When did more arrive? 10. What did they do? How did the Indians receive them? How did they travel? 11. What was the result of their labor?

they had visited many tribes, and made many converts; they possessed four permanent stations, the most distant of which was one hundred and twenty miles from St. Mary's. They went in every direction preaching Christianity to the savages, and by their gentle influence maintaining the peace and quiet of the settlements more firmly and securely than could have been done by all the militia of the province.

12. The conversion and baptism of Tayac was a remarkable event. Tayac was the chief of the Piscataways, the most extensive and powerful tribe in Maryland. Shortly after the arrival of Father White, the missionary, he was taken sick, and forty medicine men tried all the arts of conjuring within their power, to cure him. The missionary gained permission to treat the sick chief, and by his treatment shortly restored him to perfect health. After having been properly prepared for the reception of the holy rite, Tayac and his household were baptized.

13. Tayac after this abandoned the habits and dress of the savage, adopted those of the English, and learned their language. In

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*Questions.*—12. Describe the baptism of Tayac? 13. What is said of Tayac, after his baptism?

a conversation with the governor on the advantages of trading with the settlers, he is reported to have said: "I consider these as trifling, when compared with this one benefit, that, by their aid, I have arrived at the true knowledge of the *one* God, the most important of all knowledge."

14. Thus surrounded by christian Indians, the colony suffered but little from the hostilities of the natives, nothing that rose to the dignity of an Indian war. What troubles they had were caused by the Susquehannas, the Wycomeses and Nanticokes, who were too far from the settlements to be brought under the good influences of the whites. The promptness and energy, however, of the governor, prevented any serious disaster to the colony, and in a short time a truce was concluded with the Nanticokes.

15. The colony had gone on improving, strengthening their settlements, and extending their legislation. The Proprietary having authorized his brother, the governor, to agree to such laws as seemed proper and necessary, an assembly was called on the 25th of Feb-

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Questions.—13. What remarkable language is attributed to him?  
14. What Indians were troublesome? 15. What was done by the assembly of 1639?

ruary, 1639. By the act of this assembly the privileges of the governor were considerably extended,—privileges that might have been of dangerous consequence—but Leonard Calvert's long and virtuous administration, fully justified the confidence which the people placed in his honor and integrity.

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## CHAPTER VII.

1643 - 1647. — CLAIBORNE AND INGLE'S REBELLION —  
*Troubles in England—Insubordination of Claiborne—  
 Calvert Visits England—Indian Troubles—Ingle—  
 Gov. Brent—Calvert's Return—Endeavors to obtain  
 Possession of Kent Island—Calvert compelled to Flee—  
 Conduct of the Insurgents—Success of Parliamentary  
 Party—Calvert Regains Possession—Death of Calvert.*

1. The contest which had broken out in England, between the King and Parliament, materially affected the good order of the Maryland colony. The government was a royal grant, and the Proprietary was an adherent of the king. As the cause of the king at home declined, the spirit of insubor-

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*Questions.*—1. What is said of the contest in England? To which side did the Proprietary belong? What did the advocates of Parliament think?

dination of Claiborne, and the advocates of the Parliament considered this a favorable moment to throw off the authority of the Proprietary.

2. Uncertain what course to pursue, and anxious to view in person the tendency of affairs in the mother country, Governor Calvert determined to visit England and consult his brother, Lord Baltimore. He set sail in the early part of the year 1643. During his absence the spirit of disaffection increased, and at length broke out in Claiborne and Ingle's rebellion.

3. The Indians, either urged by the malcontents, or perceiving the internal divisions of the settlers, again began to be troublesome. The Susquehannas were particularly so, having, contrary to the laws of nations been furnished with fire-arms by the Swedes and Dutch.

4. Whilst the Indians were threatening the colony on the north, Captain Richard Ingle, an associate of Claiborne, a pirate and a rebel, was hovering about the settlement with an armed ship, holding communication with

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*Questions.*—2. Why did Calvert return to England? What happened during his absence? 3. What is said of the Indians? Who furnished them with arms? 4. Who was Ingle, and what was he doing?

the disaffected, and endeavoring to strengthen their numbers. Governor Brent, who was acting in the absence of Gov. Calvert, issued a proclamation ordering his arrest and the seizure of his ship. Ingle was taken, but soon effected his escape, to join Claiborne and concoct new trouble for the colony.

5. On his return in 1644, Calvert found the province in great disorder, the public officers at variance, the Indians encroaching, the pirate Ingle at large, his enemy, Claiborne, in arms, and, once more in possession of Kent Island.

6. Calvert endeavored to obtain possession of Kent Island, but his efforts failed; and the rebels, emboldened by success, and certain of assistance from their friends, invaded the Western shore, and, after a short struggle, obtained complete possession of the province. Governor Calvert was compelled to fly to Virginia.

7. The conquerors immediately commenced a system of outrage and oppression upon those who had adhered to his fortunes, and had supported the laws of the colony. Many were

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*Questions.*—4. Who acted in the absence of Calvert? What proclamation did he issue? 5. Describe the condition of the colony on the return of Calvert? 6. What did Calvert endeavor to do? What, the rebels? 7. How insurgents act?

robbed of all their possessions, and banished from the province. Even the missionaries, among whom was Father White, called the apostle of Maryland, were seized and sent in chains to England. The provincial records were mutilated and destroyed, so that it is almost impossible to get accurate accounts of their proceedings, or of the struggle which followed their success.

8. The parliamentary party being now completely in the ascendant, and having the king in their hands, Claiborne and Ingle acted in the name of parliament. Their success seemed a death-blow to the supremacy of Lord Baltimore, in the province. He felt this, and accordingly in 1646, directed his brother, the governor, to collect and take charge of his private property, and save what he could from the wreck of his fortunes, apparently abandoning the hope of recovering his rights.

9. Leonard Calvert was not willing to yield. The people of Virginia were loyal to their sovereign, and he believed that the majority of the people of Maryland were attached to

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*Questions.*—7. Whom did they seize? 8. In whose name did Claiborne act? What did Lord Baltimore direct? 9. Why did not Calvert yield?



the mild and parental sway of the Calverts. In Virginia he found not only a safe refuge, but also the means for a final effort to subdue the rebels; while in Maryland the outrage, the oppression and misrule of the usurpers, soon prepared the people to sustain him in the attempt.

10. Having completed his arrangements, at the close of the year 1636, he crossed the Potomac with a military force, surprised the enemy, entered St. Mary's in triumph, and once more took possession of the government.

11. Kent Island, the stronghold of the malcontents, did not submit so easily as the rest of the province. It was found necessary to declare martial law; to cut off all communications from without, and send an expedition under the governor himself, into the island before the rebels could be reduced once more under the authority of the proprietary. The governor having secured the tranquillity of the island, granted an amnesty to most of the offenders, and returned to St. Mary's.

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*Questions.*—9. What did he find in Virginia? 10. When did he return, and with what success? 11. What did he do on Kent Island?

12. Just as order was once more restored to the colony, and renewed prosperity began to dawn upon the settlers, they met with a heavy blow in the death of their governor.—Governor Calvert died, surrounded by his family and friends, on the 9th of June, 1647, having named Thomas Green his successor.

13. During the space of fourteen years he had guided the colony through the storms which had darkened around its infancy—he had devoted his whole life and energies to its permanent establishment—with a disinterested self-devotion, he had striven in the wilderness for its glory and its prosperity: and it seemed as if, through a special providence of heaven, to reward his labors, a beam of sunshine had broken over the province as he was about to die, at peace with all, triumphant over his enemies of Maryland, full of honor, and enriched with the prayers and blessings of a rescued people. His character, public and private, was without stain, his abilities were undoubted, his government, kind, parental, and his memory was long cherished by the colonists with grateful recollection. He was indeed a great and good man.

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*Questions.*—12. What misfortune befel the Colony? 13. What had been the character of Calvert's administration?

## CHAPTER VIII.

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE—*New guards to Liberty of Conscience—Oath of Office—Acts of Assembly—Protection to Feelings—Who formed the Assembly.*

1. Lord Baltimore now perceived, that, while some concessions to the disaffected might be necessary to maintain his provinces, new guards were necessary to prevent the growing feeling of intolerance manifested by the insurgents, and which was tending to destroy the sanctuary he had erected at the cost of so much care and treasure.

2. Therefore, in 1648, he appointed William Stone governor of the province, and prescribed the famous oath of office, as a further guaranty for the continuance of liberty of conscience, and full toleration to all persons who believed in Jesus Christ.

3. The assembly that met on the 2d April, 1649, after enacting severe penalties for the crime of blasphemy, and providing that certain penalties shall be inflicted upon any one who shall call another a sectarian name of re-

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*Questions.*—1. What did Lord Baltimore now perceive? 2. Whom did he appoint governor? What oath did he prescribe to the governor? 3. Against what penalties did the assembly make enactments?

proach—such as “heretic,” “idolater,” “schismatic,” “round-head,” &c.—declared that “no person or persons professing to believe in Jesus Christ, shall from henceforth be any ways troubled, or molested, or discountenanced for, or in respect of his or her religion, nor in the free exercise thereof, nor any way compelled to the belief or exercise of any religion against his or her consent.”

4. The passage of this act, when compared with the intolerant laws existing in other colonies, is one of the proud boasts of Maryland. Whoever was oppressed and suffered for conscience, might here find refuge, protection and repose.

5. It is said that some of these legislators could neither read nor write. “Two of them at least were in the habit of making their signet mark. | But did they not leave a mark also upon the country, and upon the world? In depth and earnestness, in real dignity and propriety, in profound views of human nature, and in true legislative wisdom, they were not behind those earlier law givers who bore the appellation of ‘The Wise.’” \*

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*Questions.*—4. How does this act compare with laws in other colonies? 5. What is said of the learning of some of these legislators?

6. No person was allowed to stigmatize his fellow-man by any term of reproach on account of his religious belief, or the sect to which he belonged. The law protected not only the property and persons of the citizens, but their feelings also.

7. This act, passed by an assembly made up of men of many different creeds, introduced no new principle in the colony, but, in its best provisions, was merely affirming and recording the law which had hitherto governed the province. This liberality, as we shall see in subsequent chapters, was the cause of greatest misfortune to the province.

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## CHAPTER IX.

1649-1664.—PURITAN SETTLEMENTS—*The Liberal Policy attracts Settlers—Richard Bennett and his Puritans—Chivalric Conduct of Marylanders—Influx of Puritans—Reduction of Virginia—Claiborne and Bennett's Descent upon Maryland—The Proprietaryship Abolished—Indian Troubles—Claiborne and Bennett's Invasion.*

1. The liberal policy of Maryland could not fail to attract the attention of the colo-

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*Questions.*—6. What was disallowed? What were protected?  
7. Who composed this assembly? 1. Who were ordered to leave Virginia?

nies. The Puritans, on the James river, in Virginia, were ordered to leave that colony, and soon found an asylum here. Under the leadership of Richard Bennett, they founded settlements on the Severn. They called the place New Providence. It was probably near the present City of Annapolis.

2. This settlement governed itself entirely independent of any connection with the colony, which received and protected them, not even obtaining grants for the land they occupied.

3. At this time an event happened that showed the generous and chivalric character that has ever since marked the sons of Maryland. Charles I, by a tribunal constituted for the purpose, had been put to death, and the parliament had passed a decree declaring it to be treason for any one to acknowledge his son Charles, as king. He was immediately proclaimed sovereign by the authority of Maryland. This daring act of loyalty aroused the adherents of the parliament, and finally led to the reduction of the province.

4. The Puritans, attracted by the liberal policy of the province were settling in con-

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*Questions.*—1. Where did they go? 2. What is said of this settlement? 3. What happened at this time? What was the effect of this daring act? 4. What other Puritans came to the colony?

siderable numbers. Besides those who came from Virginia, a colony came from England, under the patronage, it is supposed, of Governor Stone; another, on South river, and also a Protestant settlement, twenty miles from the mouth of the Patuxent, under Richard Brooke. When the assembly was called, it was found that the partizans of Cromwell, who had usurped the power in England, were in the majority.

5. Parliament had passed an ordinance for the reduction of Virginia. The armed force that was sent out to effect this, was joined by Claiborne and Bennett, the Puritan, who had been appointed commissioners. The governor of Virginia made his submission and received favorable terms. Although his duties as commissioner had now been performed, Claiborne could not forego the favorable opportunity he enjoyed of gratifying his ancient hostility to the colony of Maryland. The Puritan, Bennett, who had lately been so kindly received in the province, when exiled from Virginia, eagerly joined in the schemes of Claiborne.

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*Questions.*—5. What decree had Parliament passed? Who joined the armed force? What did Virginia do? What did Claiborne then do? Who united with him?

6. Having come to St. Mary's, towards the close of March, 1652, they demanded that the colony should submit to the Commonwealth, which was the name given to the government; they insisted that the name of the Proprietary should be erased from all writs and processes; they removed the governor from his office, and entirely abolished the authority of Lord Baltimore, in the province. Stone was subsequently reinstated, but with modified powers.

7. Simultaneously with the ascendancy of the Puritans, the Indians began to be troublesome. The Nanticokes broke in upon the Eastern Shore settlers, burning, killing and ravaging. Great efforts were made to raise a force and protect their frontiers. The Puritans of Anne Arundel, however, refused to make their levies, and the expedition had to be abandoned.

8. Lord Baltimore did not rest quietly under the wrong that had been done him. He immediately took steps to call the commissioners to account for their unlawful proceedings, and directed Governor Stone to require all persons to take the oath of fidelity,

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*Questions.*—6. What did they require? 7. When did the Indians begin to be troublesome? Who refused aid? 8. What did Lord Baltimore do?



and to re-establish the Proprietary government, which was accordingly done, 1664.

9. Claiborne and Bennett immediately invaded Maryland with a considerable force, and Stone, either from timidity or disaffection, submitted. These men having seized the government, disfranchised the very men who had received them into the province when flying from persecution abroad. An assembly was called, but no Roman Catholic or adherent to the royal cause was allowed to vote for delegates to it, or sit therein as a member. This body representing a minority of the people, immediately passed a law excluding Roman Catholics and members of the Church of England from the protection of the government. This act, disgraceful as it was, can hardly be called a stain upon the fair fame of Maryland. It was the act not of Marylanders, but of those whom they had received in their midst, of those, who, protected by the arms of the usurping government at home, usurped the government of Maryland, of those who like the serpent in the fable, stung to death the benefactor that had warmed them into life.

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*Questions.*—9. Who invaded Maryland? Who were disfranchised? Who were excluded from the assembly? Can this be called an act of Marylanders?

## CHAPTER X.

RESTORATION OF THE PROPRIETARY— *Rebuke to Governor Stone — Recovery of the Records — Unsuccessful Expedition to Providence — Barbarity of the Puritans — Appeal to Cromwell—Decision of the Board of Trade— Bennett Makes Terms — Fendall — The Last of Claiborne.*

1. When Lord Baltimore was apprised of the proceedings, he dispatched William Eltonhead to the colony, with a severe rebuke to Governor Stone, for thus yielding up his authority without a blow, and instructions to resume it immediately. In 1655, Stone began to make levies among the people of St. Mary's, who had always remained faithful to the Proprietary.

2. He dispatched Eltonhead with a force of twenty men, to recover the records of the province, which the commissioners had seized, and to capture a magazine of arms which the Puritans had gathered.

3. Being successful in this, he pressed into his service ten or twelve vessels lying in the harbor. Embarking his force upon these,

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*Questions.*—1. Who was sent to the colony and for what purpose? 2. Where did the governor send Eltonhead? 3. What second expedition did he undertake?

Governor Stone set out against the people of Providence.

4. By the aid of an armed merchantman lying in the harbor, the Puritans were successful. The fight that took place was well sustained, but the undisciplined levies of St. Mary's were no match to the Puritans, many of whom doubtless were used to battle under the victorious banner of Cromwell.

5. This victory of the Puritans was stained by an act, as cruel and bloody as it was unnecessary. The governor and his council and others, to the number of ten, were condemned to death, although they had surrendered themselves upon the pledge of quarter. Four of them were shot in cold blood. The rest escaped at the stern intercession of the soldiers themselves.

6. The governor and his council were detained prisoners for a long time. They were prohibited from communicating with their friends; and Stone was not allowed even to write to his wife, at St. Mary's, without submitting his letter to the inspection of his keepers. She was subsequently allowed to nurse him during the recovery of his wounds.

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*Questions.*—4. What prevented its success? 5. What barbarity were the Puritans guilty of? 6. What was their treatment of the governor and council?

7. Both parties now appealed to Cromwell. After some delay the controversy was referred to the "commissioners of trade" in England. They reported entirely in favor of the Lord Proprietary. Capt. Josias Fendall was appointed governor, and directed by Baltimore to see that the act for freedom of conscience was duly observed in Maryland. He was also ordered to reward with grants of land all who had been active in his behalf, and to take especial care of the widows of those who had fallen.

8. To give aid and countenance to his governor, Lord Baltimore appointed his brother, Philip Calvert, secretary of the province. The governor and secretary obtained possession of the capital without difficulty, but beyond the faithful county of St. Mary's, their success did not immediately extend.

9. The Puritans, determined to consider their authority as undisputed, summoned an assembly, which convened on 24th of September, 1657. They levied a tax to pay the public expenses, and appointed commissioners

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*Questions.*—7. To whom did both parties appeal? To whom did he refer the matter? Their decision? Who was now appointed governor? What instructions did he receive? 8. Who was appointed secretary to the province? They obtained possession of what place? 9. What did the Puritans do?

to collect the fines imposed upon the adherents of the Proprietary. But their domination was at an end.

10. The negotiations of Lord Baltimore with Cromwell, began to be successful. The Puritan Bennett, perceiving the turn affairs were taking, and despairing of retaining the supremacy of his party, hastened to come to terms with the Proprietary. Fendall was acknowledged Governor; and Maryland was once more restored to the government of the Proprietary, after nearly six years of rebellion.

11. But no sooner had Fendall overthrown the power of the Puritans, than he set about undermining that of the Lord Proprietary. At the session of 1659, the house of delegates demanded that the governor and council should no longer sit as an upper house. For a time, Fendall made a show of resistance, but at length yielded and took his seat in the lower house.

12. The upper house was then declared dissolved. Fendall resigned his commission from the Lord Proprietary, into the hands of the assembly, and accepted a new one from that

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*Questions.*—10. What is said in this section? 11. What did Fendall do? 12. What further?

body in their own name and by their own authority.

13. The power of this new rebel was of short duration. The people were tired of intestine commotions, and, remembering the mild government of Leonard Calvert, joyfully submitted to Philip Calvert, who was appointed governor upon intelligence of Fendall's rebellion. Fendall gave himself up, and was respited. He abused this clemency to excite new trouble in after days.

14. Claiborne, "the evil genius of Maryland," the arch-disturber of its peace, returned into Virginia, where he still continued a man of some distinction. He met his death in battle with the Indians, and was buried in the field. His life and death were those of an heroic adventurer.

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*Questions.*—13. What is said of the people of the colony? What of Fendall? 14. What became of Claiborne? -

## CHAPTER XI.

1660-1689.—PEACE AND PROSPERITY — *Calm — Charles Calvert—Increase of Population—Planters—Maryland Domestic Life—Slavery—Servants — Quakers — Fox—Land of the Sanctuary — Death of the Proprietary — Fendall's Attempt at Rebellion—End of the Period of Repose.*

1. After these storms, a calm of thirty years succeeded. The colony, again under a brother of its founder, having proclaimed Charles II king, set about to remedy the consequences of the late troubles.

2. In 1662, Philip Calvert was superseded by Hon. Charles Calvert, son of the Lord Proprietary. ~~At~~ the time Philip Calvert assumed the government of the colony in 1660, the number of inhabitants was twelve thousand; in five years, it had increased to fifteen thousand, and in 1761, to twenty thousand.

3. The number of counties was increased. But as yet there were few towns. St. Mary's contained little more than sixty houses. The people were planters and farmers. There were no influences to draw people together in

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*Questions.*—1. What is said in this section? 2. Who superseded Philip Calvert? 3. What was the number of inhabitants? What is said of domestic life?

towns, and the people, free from the excitement, turmoil and ambition of commercial communities, laid the foundation of that peculiar domestic life, which has always been the characteristic and charm of Maryland.

4. The first evidence of slavery in Maryland, is to be found in the laws relating to masters and slaves, passed during this period of repose. Slavery was probably introduced from Virginia.\*

5. There was another species of servant in the colony, of whom mention is frequently made. They were white emigrants, who wanting the means to emigrate apprenticed their time, for a certain period, to those who would bear that expense. This was made a matter of trade. The captain of a ship would bring out a party of emigrants, taking in lieu of passage money an indenture, whereby the emigrant agreed to serve for a given time.

\* As the Puritans of New England were the first to engage in the traffic of slaves, after the trade was reopened in South Carolina, and the very last to abandon it, it is not impossible that Maryland is indebted for the existence of slavery in her borders to the Puritans she received from Virginia.

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*Questions.*—4. First evidence of slavery? 5. What other species of servant was there?



6. On the arrival of such emigrants, their unexpired time was sold to the highest bidder. The price was paid in tobacco, which was the currency of the province.

7. The Quakers or Friends here found peace and refuge. In Massachusetts, the law had proscribed them as a "*cursed sect.*" They were to be imprisoned "without bail," and "sentenced to banishment upon pain of death." They were to be maimed, whipped, and, "man or woman, to have their tongues bored through with a red hot iron."

8. George Fox, their zealous leader, tarried in Maryland and preached. Indian chiefs and their subjects, the legislature and the council, persons of quality, justices of the peace, and the heir of the proprietary himself came to listen to his preaching. To the Friends indeed was Maryland THE LAND OF THE SANCTUARY. Whatever difficulty they had with the government, arose from their refusal to perform military duty, and their rejection of oaths, but even of these requirements they were subsequently relieved.

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Questions.—7. What is said of the Quakers? How were they treated in Massachusetts? 8. What is said of the preaching of Fox?

9. Charles Calvert continued to act as governor until the death of his father, November 30th, 1675, by which event he became himself the lord proprietary. Having revised and reformed the laws, and believing his presence no longer necessary in the province, he appointed Thomas Notely to act as deputy governor in the name of his infant son, Cecil Calvert, and returned to England.

10. While in Europe, he met and refuted the charges that had been made against his colony. He then, in 1680, returned to his province and assumed the government.

11. In the following year Fendall, in conjunction with a restless spirit named Coode, attempted to excite a rebellion among the people; they failed, and were arrested, tried and convicted, but escaped with their lives again to disturb the peace of the province.

12. After governing the colony for four years, the proprietary, thinking it necessary for him to return to England, appointed a council to direct the affairs of the colony, and departed from the province, never to return.

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*Questions.*—9. How long did Charles Calvert govern the colony? What did he do upon the death of his father? 10. What did he in England? 11. What is said of Fendall? 12. How long did Charles Calvert govern in person after he was proprietary?

13. Events in Maryland were bringing to a close the long period of repose and toleration enjoyed under the mild administration of the second lord proprietary. Dissensions, excited by the troubles in the mother country, and nourished by a sympathising spirit of intolerance in the colony, at length broke out in open revolution.

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## CHAPTER XII.

STATE OF SOCIETY, to 1689—*Friendship of the Natives—Kind of Government—Trade—Coin—Luxuries—Fruit—The Baltimore Bird—Tobacco—Travelling.*

1. Up to this time, the aborigines and the colonists were living side by side upon terms of the greatest friendship. The Chesapeake had disappeared from Maryland, and the remnant of their tribe was seated on the banks of the Elizabeth river, in Virginia, under the dominion of the Powhatans.

2. The Yo-a-comicos lived upon the St. Mary's, and, as has been mentioned, were almost domesticated with the settlers.

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*Questions.*—13. What is said in this section? 1. What is said of the Indians? 2. Of Ya-o-comicos?

3. The Susquehannocks, at the head of the Chesapeake bay, were at some distance from the early settlers, and less under the influence of the whites than the Yo-a-comicos, and were less friendly to them. They were also hostile to Yo-a-comicos, and were, therefore, sometimes troublesome.

4. The government was essentially a monarchy. But no powers were ever exercised with more entire reference to the interest and welfare of the governed than this power was by the proprietary.

5. Trade was conducted through the medium of barter, or the exchange of one commodity for another. There was, however, a silver coin issued by the proprietary, of various denominations, having Lord Baltimore's arms on one side, with the motto, *Crescite et Multiplicamini* on the other. Probably very little of this coin was used, tobacco being the most common currency of the province, one pound of it, in 1650, being about three-pence English money; in 1732 it was made a legal tender at one penny a pound.

6. The luxuries of the present day were unknown. They sat upon stools and forms,

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.Questions—3. Of the Susquehannocks? 4. Of what kind was the government? 5. How was trade conducted? What coin was issued? 6. What is said of luxuries?

and they dined without forks; but they paid especial attention to the furniture of their bed chamber. Tea and coffee were scarcely used, but cider and sack were freely drunk.

7. Great attention was paid to fruit. The waters of the bay furnished the greatest of delicacies—oysters and canvas-back duck. The oriole was common, and the settlers were so pleased with its plumage—black and yellow—corresponding with those upon the arms of the Calverts, that they called it the Baltimore Bird.

8. Tobacco was the greatest product of the province. It is said, “that a hundred sail of ships” traded in this article. Indian corn and the sweet potato were also cultivated at an early period. The words *potato*, *pone* and *homony* are derived from the Indians.

9. There was no regular post. Travelling was performed on horseback by land, and in canoes or other small boats by water. Letters were sent by private hand.

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*Questions.*—7. Fruit? Chesapeake bay? Baltimore Bird? 8. Tobacco, &c.? Travelling?

## CHAPTER XIII.

REVOLUTION OF 1689—*James II. Banished—William and Mary—Delay of Instructions—Protestant Association—John Coode—First Royal Governor—Acts of Assembly—Lord Baltimore appeals to the King—Removal of the Capital—Second Royal Governor—Improvements—Efforts of the Royal Administration.*

1. In England, James II, who had succeeded Charles II, had been banished, and was succeeded by William and Mary.

2. Upon their accession, the lord proprietary immediately gave in his adherence, and sent instructions to have them proclaimed in the province. Unfortunately, these instructions did not arrive in due time, and, even after the new sovereigns had been acknowledged by the neighboring colonies, the authorities hesitated to act until they should receive instructions from the proprietary.

3. The ill-will of the people had been excited against the deputies, and every measure they adopted was looked upon with suspicion. The public arms were collected, in fear of a general outbreak. At length the unfortunate

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*Questions.*—1. By whom was James II succeeded? 2. What did the proprietary do? Why did not the authorities act? What is said in this section?

delay to proclaim William and Mary brought affairs to a crisis.

4. In April, 1689, "An association in arms for the defence of the Protestant religion, and for asserting the rights of King William and Queen Mary to the province of Maryland and all the English dominions" was formed, at the head of which was John Coode, who had already been once guilty of treason and rebellion.

5. The character of this man may, perhaps, cast a light upon their professions of religion and of loyalty. He was a man of loose morals and desperate habits. Assuming to be in holy orders, he was yet so depraved that he was presented by the grand jury for atheism and blasphemy. To escape trial he fled to Virginia, whence he would frequently come back, declaring as he had overthrown one government he would pull down another.

6. The king sustained the acts of a revolution, which was, in fact, only a continuation of that which placed him on the throne, and, in 1691, appointed Sir Lionel Copley first royal governor of the province.

7. Early in 1692, Governor Copley summoned a General Assembly, which met at St.

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Questions.—4. What association was formed? Who was at the head of it? 5. What was the character of this man? 6. What is said of the king? 7. What was the first act of the Assembly?

Mary's. Their first act was the recognition of William and Mary; their next, the overthrow of equal toleration, and the establishment of the Church of England as the State Church of Maryland.

8. The legislature proceeded to pass oppressive acts against all who differed from the creed of the dominant party. These laws, in time, were modified or repealed, though some of the obnoxious restrictions continued until the revolution of 1776, when religious liberty again became the noble heritage of Maryland.

9. They next endeavored to deprive the proprietary of his personal rights in the province. Lord Baltimore appealed to the king, who issued a royal letter authorizing him to collect his revenues. The convention refused to submit, and threw his agents into prison. The king and council, however, having expressly decided in favor of Lord Baltimore, the assembly at length yielded, as far as port and tonnage duties were concerned.

10. From the proprietary the assembly turned to old St. Mary's. In that part of the

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*Questions.*—8. What further acts did the legislature pass? 9. What did they attempt? What did Lord Baltimore do? and what the convention? 10. What was the next step of the assembly?



province his firmest supporters dwelt, and the assembly determined to punish them by removing the seat of government from their capital. Another weighty reason was that the colony had now so extended that St. Mary's was inconveniently situated for those who had business before the legislature and the courts.

11. As the very existence of the town depended upon its being the seat of government, it is natural that its inhabitants prayed and protested. Their prayers and protests were in vain. The seat of government was removed to Providence, which thenceforth was called Annapolis.

12. In 1691, Sir Lionel Copley was succeeded by Francis Nicholson, who was principally active in securing the success of the established Church, and promoting the cause of education. He was commissioned in 1691, but did not enter upon his duties until 1694, the government being, in the meanwhile, in the hands of Sir Edmond Andros.

13. During the administration of Nicholson, several beneficial improvements were effected.

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*Questions.*—11. Why did the town of St. Mary's protest? Where was the capital removed to? 12. By whom was Copley succeeded? 13. What took place during the administration of Nicholson?

In 1695, a public post was established; the route extended from the Potomac, through Annapolis, to Philadelphia. The system, in some of its features, was well suited to the condition of the province.

14. Under the royal government, the population did not increase as rapidly as formerly. The causes which operated to check immigration were these, namely, universal toleration had ceased; lands were no longer given as a bounty to the immigrants; and, the fluctuations in the tobacco trade. To add to these misfortunes, a destructive disease made its appearance among the stock of the farmers and planters; and, two years later, a violent and raging mortality made its appearance among the people of Charles county.

15. During the administration of the royal governors, the hand of the crown seemed to weigh like an incubus upon the prosperity of Maryland. For a quarter of a century the limits of the settlements were but little advanced; the population but feebly increased, and the foreign and domestic resources, at best, remained stationary. Religious liberty

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*Questions.*—14. What is said of the population under the royal government? What were the causes? 15. What is said of the prosperity under the royal governors?

had taken flight, and with the overthrow of equal toleration, and the establishment of a church, was destroyed that true civil freedom which cannot exist for the body while the spirit is enchained.

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## CHAPTER XIV.

1714-1751—THE RESTORATION OF THE PROVINCE—  
*Death of Charles, Lord Baltimore—Province restored to his Son—Undisturbed Tranquility—Policy towards Indians—Establishment of Baltimore—Fell's Point—Commercial Advantages—Elk Ridge Landing—Annapolis—Maryland Gazette—Frederick—Georgetown—Death of Proprietary—State of the Colony.*

1. Charles, Lord Baltimore, expired on the 20th of February, 1714, at the age of eighty-four years. His title and his province descended to his son, Benedict Leonard Calvert, who, having abandoned the faith of his father, and becoming a Protestant, secured the favor of the king, and had the government of the province restored to him. He only lived long enough, however, to be acknowledged lord proprietary.

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*Questions.*—1. Who succeeded Charles, Lord Baltimore? What is said of him?

2. By his death, in 1715, the province fell to his infant son, Charles, who was educated in the Protestant religion. Governor Hart, the last royal governor, was continued in office as representative of the proprietary. The restoration produced but little change in the province. The Roman Catholics were still disfranchised.

3. For a period of forty years the colony enjoyed almost undisturbed tranquility. It had no greater troubles than contests between the governor and council, who formed the upper house, and the delegates of the people, in the lower house. These struggles were the germ of that mighty contest in which the liberties of the people were finally secured.

4. From the earliest period, the government of the colony had pursued a peaceful and just policy towards the Indians. In 1698 an act was passed to assure to the Nanticokes the possession of their lands in Dorchester county.

5. Thus even the warlike Nanticokes had yielded to the mild influence of the colonial government, and became peaceful dwellers

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*Questions.*—2. How long did he live, and who succeeded him? 3. What was the condition of the colony? What is said of these struggles? 4. What act had been passed in 1698? 5. What is said of the Indians?

under its protection. But the red man cannot long remain in the vicinity of the white, and by degrees they began to remove.

6. In 1729 Baltimore, the great emporium of the State, was first laid out on the lands of Charles Carroll, in sixty lots of one acre each, by commissioners appointed by the legislature. The north-western corner lot was that whereon St. Paul's church now stands. In 1732 it was increased by an addition of ten acres east of the falls, on the land of Edward Fell, whence the name of Fell's Point, still retained by that portion of the city.

7. The commercial advantages possessed by this point soon drew population, and the town grew and flourished. For a time the town at Elk Ridge Landing contended with it for the commerce of the northern part of the colony, and was a great tobacco market. But the superior advantages of Baltimore soon enabled it to surpass its rival.\*

\*The original lines of Baltimore were as follows:— From near the corner of Pratt and Light streets to McClellan's alley, from that point to the corner of St. Paul and Saratoga streets, thence east to about 165 feet from Gay street, including Fish street; thence south to near

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*Questions.*—6. When was Baltimore founded? On whose land? When increased and by what addition? 7. What is said of the advantages of its position? What rival had it?

8. At Elk Ridge Landing, where now there is a meadow and a marsh, rather than the channel of a river, vessels came for their cargoes of tobacco. The greater part of this tobacco was still housed upon the plantations on which it was raised, awaiting notice of shipment.

9. When this notice arrived, there was great stir and activity. The huge and stout hogsheads were fitted up with rough shafts, fastened to cleets, in which revolved the strong axle-like pins inserted in either end. A single horse was attached, and the driver, walking by the side, began to "roll" his tobacco to the little port. Some of the roads near Baltimore, leading to Elk Ridge landing are still known as "Rolling roads."

where Water street is, and following the line of that crooked street—which was the line of the low lands—back to the beginning. Old Town was so-called from an early settlement made by Coles, or Gorsuch, or Jones.

It was not originally a part of Baltimore Town, but was called Jones' Town. It consisted of ten acres, and was laid off in twenty lots in the year 1732. It was bounded by Pitt, now East Fayette street, by Jones' Falls and by French street. It was connected with Baltimore by the Gay street bridge in 1732, but was not made part of Baltimore until 1745.

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*Questions.*—8. Describe Elk Ridge Landing? 9. The Rolling of tobacco?

10. Annapolis, which had been erected into a port of entry in 1683, continued to increase after it had been made the seat of government. In 1745; the earliest, and, for a long time, the only newspaper in the colony was issued. It was called the "Maryland Gazette," and was continued, by the descendants of the founder, until 1839. The early wealth of Annapolis is still shewn in the ancient buildings, many of them displaying by their decorations the taste and resources of the original owners.

11. Frederick, now the second city of the State, was laid out in 1745. It was made county town in 1748, at which time Frederick county was formed, having been carved out of Prince George's.

12. Georgetown was laid out in 1751. Falling within the limits of the "ten miles square" that were ceded to the United States by the States of Maryland and Virginia, it has ever since formed a part of the District of Columbia.

33. In 1751, Charles, Lord Baltimore, died, having ruled his province, in person or by

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*Questions.*—10. What is said of Annapolis? 11. When was Frederick laid out? When made county town? 12. What is said of Georgetown? 13. When did the proprietary die, and how long did he govern?

his governors, for the space of thirty-six years. This period was marked by general peace and increasing prosperity; it was also full of evidences of the unyielding spirit of the people in defending their rights, and in the acquisition of new ones.

14. New counties were added; the population had increased, and the internal resources of the province were developed by the establishment of factories, mills and furnaces. Domestic wine was manufactured as early as 1748.

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## CHAPTER XV.

*BOUNDARY DISPUTES—Watkins' Point—Disputes with Penn—Penn's Grant—The Proprietary will not be Robbed—Penn attacks the Charter—Baltimore out of favor at Court—The King is Patron to Penn—His Expulsion—Settlement Postponed—Mason and Dixon's Line—Shrewdness of Penn—Virginia Boundary.*

1. Notwithstanding the clearness with which the boundaries of the province were laid down in the charter, it was nevertheless subjected to great difficulties about the limits.

2. The first contest was with Virginia about the position of Watkins' Point, on the Ches-



peake Bay, this being the starting point of the line of Southern boundary. After some difficulties between the two colonies, the dispute was finally adjusted on the 25th of June, 1668; and the line was distinctly indicated and exists as the present boundary of the two States.

3. The most serious difficulty, however, was that respecting the Northern boundary. The Swedes and Dutch, in 1629, had made a settlement within the limits of the present State of Delaware, which was included in Baltimore's grant. In 1681 William Penn received a grant of territory comprising twenty-six millions of acres. The Southern boundaries of this tract encroached twelve miles upon the grant to Lord Baltimore, being that distance South of the 40th degree of latitude.

4. To further his plans, Penn found it necessary to procure a grant of that part of the present State of Delaware which was excluded from the original grant, namely, the town of New Castle and all the territory for twelve miles around it. This grant, as well as a release of his rights in Pennsylvania, was

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*Questions.*—3. With whom was the most serious difficulty? What is said of Penn's grant? 4. What did Penn find necessary? From whom was it obtained?

obtained from the Duke of York, to whom had been previously granted, by his brother King Charles II, all the territory from the mouth of the Connecticut to the shores of the Delaware River.

5. Penn produced this grant and a letter from Charles II, directing the proprietary of Maryland to assent to an adjustment of his Northern boundary by measuring two degrees from his Southern boundary, at the rate of sixty miles to the degree. The proprietary, resting firmly upon the terms of his charter, namely, the 40th degree, declined to submit to be robbed of territory which the one had no right to take and the other no right to give.

6. To shake Baltimore's confidence in his charter, he attacked it by objecting that the Delaware settlements had been planted by the Dutch, before that charter was granted. The proprietary at that time was under the displeasure of the crown, and upon the king's referring the matter to the board of trade, it was decided that Lord Baltimore's grant included only "lands uncultivated" and inhabited by

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*Questions.*—5. What did Penn produce? Did the proprietary submit? 6. How did Penn attack the charter? What was the decision of the board of trade?

savages, and that the territory along the Delaware had been settled by Christians antecedently to his grant, and was not therefore included in it.

7. At the time of this decision, 1685, Lord Baltimore was not in a condition to resist it. Through the avarice of the crown, he was threatened with a total loss of his whole grant. Where power was on one side, and only right on the other, resistance would have hastened and ensured his loss of the province.

8. But James II, the patron of Penn and the author of the grant, who was now king, was about to experience in his own person, how little rights are respected when they come in conflict with power. He was expelled from the throne, and the final settlement of the boundary question was postponed until 1732, when an agreement was entered into by the Proprietary, to adopt the border fixed by the decree of 1685.

9. The matter being subject to further dispute, it was not until 1766, that Messrs. Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, astronomers of celebrity, in England, chosen by the

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*Questions.*—7. What was the condition of Lord Baltimore at this time? 8. What advantages had Penn? Why was the settlement postponed? When was the agreement entered into? 9. Who marked the line agreed upon?

respective Proprietaries for the purpose, completed the division line between the two provinces—or “Mason and Dixon’s,” by setting at the end of every mile a stone with the letter P and the arms of the Penns, on the north, and the letter M, with the escutcheon of Lord Baltimore, on the south side.

10. Thus, after a struggle of more than a century, by the shrewdness of Penn, in availing himself of a mere quibble, a large and fertile territory was lost to Maryland.

11. The last of the boundary disputes has never been settled. The charter of Maryland defined the western boundary by the meridian passing through the first fountain of the Potomac. The question arose whether the north or south branch of the Potomac was the main head. A glance at the map will show that the decision involved a large tract of land. Several attempts had been made to adjust the line prior to the revolution, and in 1776, Virginia recognized the rights of the territory contained within the charter, but it yet holds the disputed district.

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*Questions.*—9. How? 10. How was a large and fertile territory lost to Maryland? 11. What was the dispute with Virginia?

## CHAPTER XVI.

1751-1755—FREDERICK, LAST LORD BALTIMORE—*English and French War—Claims of each—Bold design of the Governor of Canada—Maryland stands aloof—Opposition to Arbitrary Demands—Dinwiddie's Perplexities—Maryland takes a part—Fort Cumberland—Acts of Assembly.*

1. In 1751, Frederick, last of the lords of Baltimore, became proprietary of Maryland.

2. A contest was now approaching in which Maryland was deeply interested. It was the last war between the English and French, for dominion in the New World.

3. Immense regions in America were claimed by both nations, and each was eager to forestall the other by getting possession of them. The most desirable of these regions lay west of the Alleghany mountains.

4. The French claimed all this country by right of discovery, because in 1673, Padre Marquette and Joilet, of Quebec, French subjects, had passed down the Mississippi in a canoe, as far as Arkansas.

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*Questions.*—1. Who was the last Lord Baltimore? 2. What contest was now approaching? 3. What were the grounds of this contest? 4. What was the French claim?

5. The English, by a right derived through purchase from the Indians, in a treaty between commissioners from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, and the Six Nations, claimed all land west of the Alleghany mountains to the Mississippi, which land, *according to the traditions* of the Indians, had been conquered by their forefathers.

6. Such were the foundations of claims which plunged two nations into a series of wars ending in a loss to England of a great part of her American possessions, and, to France of the whole.

7. In furtherance of the French claim, the governor of Canada conceived the bold design of constructing a chain of forts along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers where the English had already established trading posts.

8. Virginia was chiefly interested in the controversy. Maryland became involved simply in self-defence. The legislature of Maryland stood aloof, in spite of the commands of the crown—and, perhaps, because of them, for the republican spirit was growing—the remonstrances of the governor, and the en-

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*Questions.*—5. What was the English? 7. What design did the governor of Canada conceive? 8. Who was chiefly interested in this controversy? How was Maryland drawn in? Why did she stand aloof at first?

treaties of Virginia. They declared, however, their determination to resist foreign invasion, and contribute to the assistance of the neighboring colonies when they conceived their necessity required it.

9. Even in Virginia, which was so deeply interested in the controversy, the growing spirit of Republicanism, led to an opposition to the arbitrary demands of the governor for means to carry on the war against the French, when all efforts at a peaceful settlement had failed.

10. Governor Dinwiddie, of that colony, was sorely perplexed, and exclaimed, "There appears to me an infatuation in all the assemblies in this part of the world." He urged the home government to tax the colonies for the benefit of the common cause, *independently of assemblies*.

11. But the time was come when Maryland was compelled to take part in the war. The Virginia troops under Colonel Washington had been captured by the French and Indians, who, from Fort Duquesne, (*Du keen*), erected on the present site of Pittsburgh,

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*Questions.*—8. What did she declare? 9. What trouble was there in Virginia? 10. What did Dinwiddie exclaim? What did he urge? 11. Why was Maryland now compelled to take a part?

poured their savage and plundering bands on the unprotected frontiers of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

12. The Assembly at Annapolis in 1754, voted supplies and assistance to the Virginians in their efforts to reduce this fort. Many of the people of the province had, before this, organized companies of rangers and frontier guards for the protection of the border settlements. A fort had been erected at Cumberland, far beyond the settlements—which served as a resting point in the expeditions undertaken against the French on the Ohio. In these expeditions the people of Maryland bore a part. Governor Sharpe, of Maryland, was, by a royal commission, commander-in-chief of all the forces engaged against the French, on the Ohio.

13. On the 24th of December, 1754, the General Assembly of Maryland was again convened, and passed a law for the levying of troops for the ensuing campaign. In the session of February, 1755, they passed other laws providing for the energetic prosecution

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*Questions.*—12. What did the assembly vote? What had the people already done? Where had a fort been erected? Who was commander-in-chief of all the forces? 13. When did the assembly meet? What act did they pass?



of the expedition which ended so disastrously for the whole country, known as *Braddock's Defeat*.

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## CHAPTER XVII.

1755-1758—BRADDOCK'S DEFEAT—*Braddock's Arrival—Council at Alexandria—Braddock at Frederick—Arrival of Franklin—Franklin's Suggestions—Braddock's Confidence—Frank'in's Proposition—March over the Mountains—Baggage—Mutual Disgust—Braddock rejects the Indians and Backwoodsmen—Slow Movements—The Contest—The Defeat.*

1. Although the expedition which resulted in Braddock's defeat belongs more properly to the history of Virginia, yet as the disaster involved serious consequences to Maryland, and the story is one of peculiar interest, it calls for more than a passing notice.

2. Early in the year, Gen. Braddock, at the head of a strong body of troops, embarked for the colonies. On his arrival at Alexandria, a council of colonial governors was summoned to meet him at Annapolis, on the 3d of April. Gen. Braddock, Gov. Dinwiddie, and Com-

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*Questions.*—2. When did Braddock embark for the colonies? What council was held? Where did they adjourn to?

modore Keppel, arrived at Annapolis, where they were shortly after joined by the governors of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

3. The place of meeting having been changed, these gentlemen, together with Gov. Sharpe, of Maryland, proceeded to the General's head-quarters at Alexandria.

4. In the council three expeditions were determined on: the first, against Fort Duquesne, under Braddock himself, reinforced by the Maryland and Virginia levies; the second, against Niagara and Fort Frontignac, and the third, against Crown Point.

5. Governor Sharpe immediately proceeded to Frederick, where a portion of the army was already quartered. He was joined here by General Braddock, who had left Alexandria, on the 20th of April. Braddock intended to remain at Frederick until his stores should be forwarded to Fort Cumberland. The Virginia contractors having failed to fulfil their engagements, his stay at Frederick, very much to his chagrin, was protracted beyond his expectation or his patience. He was compelled to send round the country to

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*Questions.*—4. What expeditions were determined upon? 5. What delayed Braddock? What was he compelled to do?

buy food and cattle for the subsistence of his troops.

6. While Braddock was venting his spleen against army contractors, Benjamin Franklin arrived at Frederick. He came ostensibly in the character of Post Master General, to arrange for the transmission of dispatches, but in reality sent by the Assembly of Pennsylvania to conciliate Braddock, who, they understood, was incensed against them.

7. Notwithstanding the entire confidence Braddock had in himself and his regulars, Franklin, relying upon his better knowledge of the difficulties of the country, and the peculiarities of Indian warfare, modestly observed to the general, that if he arrived before Fort Duquesne, with his troops and artillery, the fort could probably make but a short resistance, but that he himself feared the ambuscades of the Indians.

8. Braddock smiled at what he thought Franklin's ignorance, and replied: "These savages may indeed be a formidable enemy to raw American militia, but upon the king's

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*Questions.*—6. Who joined Braddock at Frederick? For what purpose had he been sent? 7. What suggestions did Franklin make? 8. How did Braddock receive the suggestions? What did he reply?

regular and disciplined troops, sir, it is impossible for them to make any impression."

9. During his stay at Frederick, he was joined by George Washington, then Colonel, whom he had invited to join him as aid-de-camp. It was to the skill and courage of Washington, that the remnant of the army owed its preservation.

10. As the whole delay of the army was caused by the want of wagons and teams, the few in the neighborhood of Frederick having been all impressed, and found insufficient, Franklin one day expressed his regret to the general that he had not landed in Pennsylvania, where almost every farmer owned a wagon.

11. Braddock immediately commissioned Franklin to contract for one hundred and fifty wagons, and a proper supply of draught and saddle horses. The reluctant Pennsylvania farmers, however, would not yield their property without the further security of Franklin's personal responsibility.

12. On the 10th of June, Braddock set off from Fort Cumberland. The march over

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*Questions.*—9. Who joined him at Frederick? What is said of Washington? 10. What caused the delay? What did Franklin say? For how many wagons did he order him to contract? What did the farmers require? 12. When did Braddock start from Cumberland?

the mountains proved a tremendous affair. Owing to the difficulties of the way, the line of wagons and troops often extended for three or four miles. Washington was outraged at the number of wagons required for the baggage and luxuries of the officers, backwood's campaigning admitting only what could be carried in a portmanteau. He thought that men who required so much for their comfort, could hardly be efficient in the field. On the other hand, the British officers were disgusted at the "languid, spiritless, unsoldier-like appearance" of the colonial levies, "which gave little hope of future good behavior." The sequel proved how much deceived both parties were in their estimate of each other.

13. Braddock, in his blind confidence in his regulars, rejected the aid of Indians and backwoodsmen, acquainted with Indian warfare, saying, he had "experienced troops on whom he could rely for all purposes."

14. The military education of Braddock was in his way. He could not adapt himself to the nature of circumstances in which he

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*Questions.*—12. What of the march? What were Washington's feelings? At what were the British disgusted? 13. What is said in this section? 14. What was in Braddock's way? What was the result?

was placed. Hence his march was exceedingly slow, sometimes not advancing more than twelve miles in four days. Although a stranger to fear, he was charged at home "*with not marching as if at all impatient to be scalped.*"

15. In this march Washington saw enough of British regulars to have his confidence in them shaken, when it should come to wild bush-fighting. He ventured to suggest that the Virginia rangers, being accustomed to the country and Indian warfare, might be thrown in advance. The veteran, indignant that a young provincial should presume to make a suggestion to him, gave him only an angry reply.

16. On July 9th the army was in the neighborhood of the fort, marching "as if in a review in St. James' Park," without having sent out scouts or rangers in advance, when suddenly was heard a quick and heavy firing in front. The van of the advance had been taken by surprise; a murderous fire broke out from among trees and a ravine on the right, and the woods resounded with unearthly whoops and yellings.

17. A perfect panic seized the troops, all

orders were unheeded; in their fright they shot at random, killing their own troops. In a short time most of the officers and many of the men of the advance were killed or wounded. The advance fell back upon the working party, which was equally dismayed, and which, together with the advanced party, fell back upon the reinforcement sent up, and all was now confusion.

18. When the general came upon the ground, he tried to rally the men. "They would fight," they said, "if they could see their enemy; it was useless to fire at trees and bushes, and they could not stand to be shot down by an invisible foe."

19. The Virginia troops scattered themselves, and took post behind trees. In this way they, in some degree, protected the regulars. Braddock would not consent to depart from the system he had been trained in, and, instead of adopting the same plan, insisted upon forming his troops in platoons. The result was they were cut down as fast as they could advance.

20. The bravery of the officers was now seen. Their courage seemed to kindle with

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*Questions.*—18. What did the general try to do? What did the men reply? 19. What did the Virginia troops do? What Braddock? 20. What is said of the bravery of the officers?

the thickening horrors. In the vain hope of inspiring their men they would dash forward singly or in groups. They were invariably shot down.

21. Washington was the only aid left alive. He was sent to the main body to bring the artillery into action. The men who served the guns were paralysed. Had they raked the ravine with grape shot the day might have been saved. But the men could not be kept to the guns.

22. Braddock was undaunted, five horses had been killed under him, still he kept his ground, vainly endeavoring to check the flight of his men. At length a bullet passed through his right arm, and lodged itself in his lungs.

23. The rout now became complete. Out of eighty-six officers, twenty-six had been killed, and thirty-six wounded. The rank and file lost upwards of seven hundred. The Virginia corps suffered most, one company had been almost annihilated, another had lost all its officers, even to the corporal.\*

\* Abridged from Irving's Life of Washington.

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*Questions.*—21. What is said of Washington? What of the men?  
22. What of Braddock? 23. Describe the rout?



24. The victorious force of the enemy consisted only of thirty Frenchmen and three or four hundred Indians, of whom seven Indians and four Frenchmen were killed.

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## CHAPTER XVIII.

1755-1758—FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR CONTINUED—  
*Terror and Desolation — Plantations laid Waste —  
 Panic—Expedition against Fort Duquesne—Grant's  
 Bravado and Defeat—Gallantry of Marylanders—  
 Abandonment of the Fort by the French.*

1. A period of terror and desolation ensued—the settlements were attacked and broken up. The outposts were driven in, and some of the smaller posts captured and their garrisons massacred. The panic spread even to the bay shore. Many of the inhabitants from the interior fled to Baltimore. Preparations were made by the citizens of that town to embark their women and children on board of vessels, preparatory to a flight to Virginia; while some of the Virginians even believed there was no safety short of England itself.

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*Questions.*—24. What did the victorious force consist of? 1. What is said in this section? How far did the panic extend?

2. As soon as the disastrous intelligence of Braddock's destruction reached Annapolis, Governor Sharpe set out for Frederick; the militia were called out, and volunteers were raised.

3. In this disastrous year more than twenty plantations were laid waste, and their occupants massacred or carried into captivity. In November, it was reported that a body of French and Indians were within thirty miles of Baltimore, and immediately two thousand men assembled to meet their advance.

4. Even the people of Annapolis, far removed as they were from the frontiers, caught the infection, and began to fortify their town. The excitement was allayed by the return of several volunteers from the West, who reported affairs as in a better condition.

5. Fort Cumberland being so far from the frontier, was found to afford no protection. Governor Sharpe, therefore, selected a site for a new fort, near the present town of Hancock, to be called Fort Frederick, which was ready for the reception of troops by the middle of August, 1756.

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*Questions.*—2. Gov. Sharpe's movements? 3. What is said of the ravages of the Indians? 4. What of Annapolis? 5. What new site for a fort was selected?

6. Provision having thus been made, the confidence of the people to the westward was somewhat restored. But the petty warfare of posts and defensive expeditions, while it exhausted the force of the colony, could produce no permanent results.

7. The neighboring colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania, at length, with that of Maryland, became convinced that the only way to protect their frontiers, were by expelling the enemy from their stronghold.

8. It was hoped by the colonies that active and energetic measures would now be taken. Virginia, which was most interested, had one regiment in the field. The forces of Maryland amounted to five hundred men, aided by Indian allies, under Col. Dagworthy.

9. In September, 1758, an advanced body having proceeded about ten miles beyond Laurel Hill, Major Grant was detached to reconnoitre, with a body of more than eight hundred men, consisting of three hundred and thirty Highlanders, one hundred royal Americans, one hundred and seventy-six Virginians, ninety-five Maryland, one hundred

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*Questions.*—6. What is said in this section? 7. Of what were the colonies now convinced? 8. What forces were now in the field? 9. What is said of Grant?

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and twelve Pennsylvania, and thirteen Carolina troops.

10. In the night, Grant took a post upon a hill about eighty rods from Fort Duquesne, unobserved by the French, and in the morning by way of bravado, beat the reveille, and sounded the bagpipes in several places.

11. As soon as the English were discovered, the Indians sallied out from the fort, and having reached a height that overlooked Grant's position, surrounded him and commenced the attack.

12. The Highlanders suffering from the deadly fire, at length gave way. The Maryland troops, joined by the Carolinians, took cover in bushes and behind trees, and keeping the enemy at bay, sustained the action, The Virginians were two miles behind guarding the baggage; as soon as the action began they hastened up to the assistance of Grant, but were unable to maintain their ground. The English were defeated with a loss of two hundred and seventy-three killed, and forty-two wounded.

13. The Marylanders behaved with great gallantry, and, although they suffered severely,

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*Questions.*—10. What further? 11. What did the Indians do? 12. What the Highlanders? Who kept the enemy at bay? What about the Virginians? 13. How did the Marylanders behave?

succeeded in covering the retreat of the remainder of the troops. Out of ninety-five men, their loss was twenty-three privates and one officer.

14. The main body was still toiling on its way, and did not reach the scene of the conflict until a month after the battle. It was determined to defer any attack until the next campaign. But the enemy were not so slow. The troops from the fort, with the Indians, to the number of one thousand men, attacked the English on the 12th of October. After a hard fight, they were repulsed. Lieut. Prather, of Maryland, was killed.

15. After this battle several skirmishes ensued. In one of these, Capt. Evan Shelby, of Frederick county, killed, with his own hand, one of the leading chiefs of the enemy.

16. The Indians now abandoned their allies, and left the fort, saying it was an easy matter to deal with the regulars, but impossible to withstand the provincials. On the 22d of November, after a painful march, the English succeeded in reaching Fort Duquesne, which they found had been abandoned and burnt

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*Questions.*—14. What about the main body? Who attacked it? Result? 15. Who was killed? 16. What did the Indians do? When did the English reach the fort? What did they find?

by the French. A new fort was built, named Fort Pitt.

17. Governor Sharpe, in sympathy with the joy that filled the colony, appointed a day of public thanksgiving and praise. The Assembly appropriated money to be divided among the brave men who had served in their forces.

18. From this time Maryland had little concern in the war, and the principal features of its history are of a pacific and legislative character. Yet that legislative history is full of interest, for it led, eventually, to the revolution. It was a continuous struggle for the rights of the commons.

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## CHAPTER XIX.

THE DAYS BEFORE THE REVOLUTION—*The Democratic and the Aristocratic Elements—Claims of the Two Houses—Peace—Debt—Condition of Maryland—Influence of the French War—The Old Controversy Revived—Preparatory Steps to the Stamp Act.*

1. The Charter of Maryland contained the germs of two contending principles—the

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*Questions.*—17. What is said in this section? 18. And what in this? 1. What is said of the charter?

aristocratic and the democratic. From the earliest period of its history, there had been contests between the parties representing these principles.

2. The result of the contest, in every stage, was in favor of the democratic element. The spirit of the people, and the necessities of the times, contributed to its vigorous growth. The contest was now verging to its final issue.

3. The representatives of the people, who sat in the lower house, insisted upon the right to frame and amend bills for raising money. The upper house, consisting of the governor and his council, claimed for themselves a share in the imposition of taxes.

4. As long as danger was threatening the existence of the colony, the commons did not insist upon their claim, but when the war was over, they planted themselves firmly upon their old position—"that the people could only be taxed by their own consent."

5. Peace was declared in 1763, and the French colonies were ceded to England. But to counterbalance this acquisition, she found

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*Questions.*—2. What was the result of every contest? 3. Upper and lower houses? 4. What was the claim of the commons? 5. When was peace declared?

herself laboring under a heavy war debt. To aid her in managing this, she turned her eyes towards the colonies, all of whom, excepting Maryland alone, which had resisted, she had compelled to furnish requisitions.

6. The condition of Maryland was prosperous. In 1761, its population amounted to 164,000 persons. The greatness of its resources was undisputed. Its people were frugal and industrious, and had spread themselves almost to the utmost limits of the province. Its physical features made it peculiarly fitted for commerce and navigation; its soil was rich, and exuberantly productive to the labor of the husbandman and planter. Such was the spectacle that met the eyes of England, casting about for something to prey upon, and the result of the scrutiny was the passage of the Stamp Act.

7. Disastrous as the French war apparently was to the colonies, it was not without great advantage to them. The spirit of independence and self-reliance had had time to grow, and opportunities to develop itself. With an active and watchful enemy ready to seize

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*Questions.*—5. What was the condition of England? 6. Condition of Maryland? Character of her people? What further is said? 7. Influence of French War?



upon the colonies, England was too dependent upon them to offend them. She, therefore, in a measure, closed her eyes to the growing spirit of independence, while the colonies learned their power to maintain that spirit.

8. Now that the war was over, England on the one hand was determined to make the colonies feel her authority, and the colonies, on the other, to re-assert their old rights. It was a contest for supremacy on one side, and freedom on the other.

9. In 1763, the English government began to take preparatory steps. The Prime Minister gave notice to the colonies that, at the ensuing session of Parliament, he intended to propose a duty on stamps for the purpose of raising a revenue from the provinces, to defray the expenses of the war. He hoped the colonies would propose a compromise, and thus commit themselves to an abandonment of their principle by negotiating, instead of resisting.

10. In the session which followed, a resolution to the same effect was adopted, but not yet executed. The trade of the colonies was

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*Questions.*—7. Effect upon mother country? 8. What controversy now arose? 9. What steps did the English government take? 10. What is said in this section?

interfered with, and injured. But all this, instead of arousing the spirit of compromise, had the contrary effect. They saw the design was to deprive them of their liberties and make them mere subjects of the British Parliament.

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## CHAPTER XX.

STAMP ACT—*Stamp Act Imposed—Maryland Assembly Prorogued—No Stamps in Maryland—Protest of Assembly—Treatment of Hood—Acts of Assembly—Frederick County Court—“Sons of Liberty—” Repeal of Stamp Act.*

1. On the 22d of March, 1765, the Stamp Act was finally imposed. The interval between its first proposal and final passage had enabled the people to gather their energies for universal resistance.

2. In open manifestation Massachusetts and Virginia took the lead, but the silence of Maryland was not the result of lukewarmness. Her assembly was disabled from declaring its hostility to the measure, as its meeting was prevented by prorogation.

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*Questions.*—1. When was the stamp act imposed? 2. Why could not Maryland declare her hostility?

3. It is the proud boast of Maryland that her soil was never polluted by the obnoxious stamps. In unanimity, firmness and success, she exceeded all the other colonies. The Assembly could not speak until September, 1765, when it solemnly protested against the measure, and indignantly complained that they had for two years been deprived of the power of publicly declaring their lasting opposition.

4. The people of the colony, however, had previously taken the matter in their own hands. Hood, a native of Maryland, was appointed stamp distributor for the province. On his arrival at Annapolis with the stamps, there was a great excitement. The people would not suffer him to land; the vessel was compelled to draw off and land Hood secretly, at another time and place. The country people gathered into the city, prepared to show their detestation of the man who could consent to become the instrument in enslaving his own country.

5. The people not only refused to buy his goods, which he offered at reduced prices, to

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*Questions.*—3. What is the boast of Maryland? When did the assembly protest? 4. How had the colony shewn its hostility? 5. What was Hood compelled to do?

secure their favor, but they even destroyed the house in which he was to place them, lest it should also be a depository for the hated stamps. Having insulted him in various ways, they at length threatened personal violence. He fled for refuge to the governor, who could not protect him from popular fury. He then escaped to New York, but was followed even there by a number of daring spirits, who compelled him to renounce and abjure forever, under oath, his office and the exercise of its functions.

6. When the Assembly met, it made a solemn declaration of their rights, which had thus been vindicated by the people, by measures, in which the principal men in the province had borne a part. They appointed representatives to the "Congress of Deputies," and instructed them to see that whatever petition was presented to the English government, it should contain an assertion of the right of the colonies to be free from taxation "save by their own consent, or that of their representatives, freely chosen and appointed."

7. The law had made stamps necessary in many business transactions; for a time, there-

fore, there was a cessation of business. The Frederick county court had the high honor of first deciding, in a legal manner, the unconstitutionality of the stamp act. In the public offices at Annapolis, however, business still continued to be interrupted. The officers hesitated to treat the law as a nullity, and feared to attempt its enforcement.

8. To meet this difficulty the inhabitants of Baltimore and the adjoining country formed themselves into an association, called "The Sons of Liberty," and adjourned to meet at Annapolis. They came together in great strength and compelled the courts and public offices to be kept open, without the stamps. Business was again renewed, and the stamp act, though still unrepealed, was a dead letter in Maryland.

9. In 1766, the obnoxious act, long since dead in all the colonies, and never enforced in Maryland, was repealed. The House of Delegates did not fail to express their sense of gratitude to those who had, in the British Parliament, proved themselves the friends of the colonies. They decreed a statue of mar-

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*Questions.*—8. What did the people of Baltimore and the country do? 9. When was the stamp act repealed? How did the House of Delegates shew their gratitude to the friends of the colonies?

ble to Chatham, and a portrait by some eminent hand to Lord Camden, but through the action of the upper house, the decree was never carried into effect.

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## CHAPTER XXI.

THE DUTY ON TEA—*Tax on Tea, &c.—Massachusetts' Circular — Non-Importation;— The "Good Intent"— Alarm of the British Ministry—Defection of other Colonies.*

1. The English government still clung to the idea of raising a revenue from the colonies. But they determined to proceed in a more cautious manner. A tax, under the specious pretence of regulating commerce, was laid on tea, paints, glass and paper, imported into the colonies.

2. The old spirit of resistance broke out, the press teemed with appeals to the public; and the colonists were soon prepared to meet it, as they had met the stamp tax. The legislature did not assemble until the 24th of May, 1768, but public opinion had already settled

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*Questions.*—1. How did the English government now proceed?  
2. What is said of the press? Instructions to governors?

their course. Instructions had been received by the various governors to dissolve the assemblies of their provinces, if they manifested any disposition to unite in measures of opposition.

3. But the assembly of Maryland was too wary to be thus circumvented. They prepared their measures in advance. Massachusetts had issued a circular advising the sister colonies to frame petitions to the crown. The assembly took into consideration the Massachusetts circular, and appointed a committee to draft a petition to the king.

4. The governor warned them that they would be prorogued if they persisted. Without reply or delay, they instantly adopted the petition, passed a series of resolutions, which they had already framed; and, having taken every step the occasion demanded, drew up a sharp reply to the governor, stating their readiness to be prorogued. They were accordingly dissolved.

5. The colonists were not yet prepared for an appeal to arms. Having tried petition and remonstrances they determined to resort once

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*Questions.*—3. What had the assembly of Maryland done? 4. What further took place? 5. To what did the colonies now resort?

more to "non-importation" which had been introduced in the days of the stamp act.

6. At an early period of the struggle, county associations had been formed in Maryland. For the purpose of united action it was now deemed expedient to embody them together. On the 20th of June, 1769, the people assembled at Annapolis, and entered into articles of non-importation of British superfluities, for promoting frugality, economy and the use of American manufacture.

7. In the beginning of the ensuing year, the spirit of the associators was put to the test. "The Good Intent," a British bark arrived in the harbor of Annapolis, with a cargo of obnoxious articles. It was resolved that the goods should not be landed, and the bark was compelled to return to London with her whole cargo.

8. Long before the destruction of tea in Boston harbor by disguised men, the patriots of Maryland, calmly, openly and in the presence of the governor and the provincial officers, discussed and set at defiance this obnoxious act, and more effectually, though more peacefully, prevented its execution.

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*Questions.*—6. What is said of county associations? Of the meeting at Annapolis? 7. What test of their determinations did they now have? 8. What is said in this section?



9. The British merchants sent no more prohibited goods to Maryland; and the ministry, alarmed at the opposition, promised the repeal of the duty on all articles except tea. While Maryland stood firm the other colonies began to give way. New York deserted the association; Philadelphia followed. Several merchants of Baltimore requested the associators to consider the matter. Delegates from all the counties met at Annapolis, but far from yielding their consent, they denounced both the proposition and its authors. At last, Boston gave up the system. Maryland never abandoned its pledge.

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## CHAPTER XXII.

THE PROCLAMATION AND THE VESTRY ACT—*Pay of Public Officers—Tithes—Expiration of the Law—Proclamation—Party Spirit—Dulany and Carroll.*

1. The public officers did not receive regular salaries, but were paid by fees given for each service performed. The profits of some officers became enormous, and the people became restless under these exactions.

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*Questions.*—9. What did the ministry promise? What is said of Maryland? Did Boston yield? Did Maryland? 1. What is said of the pay of public officers?

2. There was also another burden. The clergy of the Church of England, which had been established by law, were supported by tithes, or taxes. The rate was, at first, forty pounds of tobacco a head, afterwards, thirty pounds. As the population increased, the income of the parishes became enormous.

3. In the spirit of opposition to unjust burdens, these too did not escape. The legislature endeavored to diminish the amount of the fees, and obtain other reforms. The House of Delegates, having ordered the arrest of a clerk for taking illegal fees, was prorogued by the governor.

4. The law that gave the clergy thirty pounds of tobacco a head, instead of forty, having expired, they claimed that the old law was in force, and the governor issued a proclamation fixing the old rates of fees.

5. The intolerant spirit which had cheerfully sustained the tax for the support of the clergy, as a weapon of offence against non-conformists, was now passing away. The clergy moreover being appointed by the governor, their sympathies, therefore, as well as their

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*Questions.*—2. What other burden? 3. What did the legislature endeavor to do? 4. What law expired? What did the clergy claim? What proclamation? 5. What is said in this section?

interests, were likely to be with the governor and his party, who were the representatives of arbitrary power.

6. The people, therefore, were generally opposed to the clergy, and as they never would submit to the exercise of arbitrary power, the proclamation at once roused up all the fire of "The Sons of Liberty."

7. Parties were immediately formed. The governor, officials, and their adherents, formed one party; the body of the people, headed by the lawyers, the other. Great excitement prevailed, public opinion was appealed to in every mode.

8. Prominent among the disputants were the leaders of the two parties. That of the party of privilege, was Daniel Dulany, at that time the most eminent lawyer in the province, who also had done the people good service in the days of the stamp act, but who now formed an exception to his class, which was all with the people. He held the most lucrative office, and resisted every attempt to infringe upon the profits of place. The leader of the popular party was a young man, spirited, wealthy, and highly educated, one of

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*Questions.*—6. What was the effect of the proclamation? 7. What parties were formed? 8. Who were the leaders?

the brightest in the galaxy of bright names that have shed lustre upon the history of Maryland—Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

CHARLES CARROLL OF CARROLLTON—*Birth and Education—Return to Maryland—First entrance into Public Life—"First Citizen"—Dulany—Triumph of Carroll.*

1. This eminent man was descended from a family which had settled in the province before the revolution of 1689. He was born at Annapolis in 1737, and at eight years of age was sent to France to be educated.

2. At the age of twenty he commenced the study of law, in London. He returned to Maryland in 1764, just in time to enter into the strife, which his countrymen were waging against tyranny. As he was a Roman Catholic, he was numbered among the disfranchised. But this personal injustice, while it excluded him from the councils, did not prevent him from sympathising in the wrongs of his people.

3. His first entrance into the conflict was his opposition to the stamp act, and the taxation of commerce. But now he had to deal with a powerful and skilful adversary. Mr. Dulany was his equal in education, his superior in age, experience and reputation; in fine, with all the odds in his favor.

4. Trusting, however, in the justice of his cause and the integrity of his purpose, Carroll did not hesitate to enter into the contest. The dispute was carried on under the names of "*First Citizen*" and "*Antilon*," Carroll adopting the first name.

5. The way by which he came to adopt this singular title was as follows: Dulany had written a dialogue, as if held by two citizens, and, instead of giving them names, he called them "*First Citizen*" and "*Second Citizen*." He so managed this supposed discussion that the "*First Citizen*," who was meant to represent the party opposed to the proclamation, was defeated in the argument. Carroll assumed the name of the "*First Citizen*," and carried on the dialogue with more justice to the side represented by that character.

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*Questions.*—3. What was his first entrance into the conflict? Who was his opponent? 4. What name did he adopt? 5. How came he to adopt it?

6. Dulany found a foeman worthy of his steel, and the man of straw which he had made proved a giant in his path. Though attacked with invective, and taunted with that, which if not his glory was their shame—"that he was a disfranchised man, and could not even vote at an election,"—Carroll calmly fought the fight of liberty, and triumphed.

7. He triumphed with the people; he lived to see them free, and great, and prosperous. He was the last survivor of the noble band of patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence, and when he died, in the ninety-sixth year of his age, the tears not only of Maryland, but of the American people flowed for him.

8. The election that took place in the midst of all this excitement, resulted in the complete success of the popular party. The people acknowledged their gratitude to their able champion. They could not select him as their delegate, for though the champion of their liberty, he was himself enthralled. But, in accordance with instructions given by the people in public meetings held in Frederick,

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*Questions.*—6. Who was his opponent? 7. What is said of his triumph? 8. What party succeeded at the election? How did the people shew their gratitude to Carroll?

Baltimore and Annapolis, the delegates presented the thanks of the people to "The First Citizen."

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## CHAPTER XXIV.

1773-4—REVIVAL OF THE TAX ON TEA—*Tax, the Badge of Servitude—The right to Tax, not the Amount, the matter of Dispute—Convention—Aid to Boston—Burning of the Tea at Annapolis—Characteristics of this Act.*

1. During all these excitements, the colony had been free from the difficulties with the mother country, which so agitated the Northern colonies. From the nature of the Proprietary government, the crown could not exercise any control over the affairs of the province; it was therefore free from many of the dissensions arising under the royal governments.

2. But Maryland was not less ready to contend, when a principle was at stake. The tax on tea had not yet been repealed, but the hatred to it, for it was the badge of servitude, kept the people faithful to their pledge that they would not use the article.

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*Questions.*—1. From what had the colony been free? Why?  
2. What is said of the tax on tea?

3. Great quantities of tea, therefore, accumulated in the store-houses of the East India Company, and their business was interfered with. The English government offered the company to pay them back the duty on all tea which they exported to the colonies. This would enable the company to sell the tea as cheap in the colonies, with the tax added, as they sold it in England; and at the same time the government would not be giving up their right to impose the tax.

4. But it was about the right to impose the tax, and not the price of tea, that colonists were contending, and they were too shrewd to be deceived. The duty on tea was the badge of English supremacy and they never consented to wear it; they knew too, that the most successful resistance is that which is prompt, and they acted accordingly.

5. Public meetings were held, and resolutions adopted to prevent the landing of the tea. In Charleston, it was landed, but never exposed for sale; the vessels containing it, that arrived in New York and Philadelphia, were compelled to return. In Boston, the

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*Questions.*—3. What did the English government propose? 4. Why did not the colonies accede? 5. What was done to the tea in different places?



tea was thrown overboard by persons disguised as Indians.

6. The people of Maryland called for a convention. This body proposed an absolute cessation of all intercourse with the mother country, and directed subscriptions to be made for the relief of the Bostonians, who were suffering the vengeance of the thwarted and enraged government. This was the second time Massachusetts had experienced the generosity of Maryland. The first, was on the occasion of a disastrous fire in Boston, when the governor of Maryland ordered collections to be made in all the churches, for the relief of the sufferers. And it was done.

7. Every child is familiar with what is called "the tea party of Boston," but an affair equalling it in every respect was transacted at Annapolis, namely, the tea-burning—open and *undisguised*, shewing the high toned and manly trait that has always characterized a true Marylander—a willingness to assume the responsibility for all he does, and to abide the consequences.

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*Questions.*—6. What did the people of Maryland do? What assistance did they render Massachusetts? 7. What is said in this section?

8. In August, 1774, the brigantine "Mary and Jane," arrived in the St. Mary's river, with tea on board for merchants in Georgetown and Bladensburg. The committee of Charles county summoned the master, and one of the consignees to appear before them. But as the tax had not been paid, they were discharged upon their pledge that the tea should not be landed, but sent back to England. The committee of Frederick county pursued a similar course with the consignees at Georgetown.

9. On the 14th of October, the brig Peggy Stewart, arrived at Annapolis, having in its cargo a few packages of tea. The duty was paid by the owner of the vessel. The people were outraged at the attempt to fix upon them the badge of servitude, by the payment of the tax.

10. A meeting was held, at which it was determined that the tea should not be landed. The owner, fearing further trouble proposed to destroy the tea. But that was not sufficient punishment. The offence was a grave one, for had this attempt succeeded, it would have

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*Questions.*—8. What vessel arrived with tea? What was done? 9. What other vessel arrived? What had the owner done? Feelings of the people? What was the payment of the tax regarded as? 10. What was determined? What did the owner propose?

been followed by others more aggressive, and thus the very principle which was contended for, would have been overthrown in the end. It was the head of the ugly beast that was thrust in the door, and it must not only be *put* out, but *driven* out by blows, lest growing bold it should push its whole body in.

11. After much discussion, it was proposed to burn the vessel. The meeting did not consent to this, but many expressed their determination to raise a force to accomplish the brig's destruction.

12. Acting under the advice of Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, the owner seeing that the loss of his property was certain, and willing to repair his good name, even by that loss, proposed to destroy the vessel with his own hands. In the presence of the assembled multitude, he set fire to it with the tea on board—expiating his offence by the destruction of his property.

13. The striking features of this transaction, were not only the boldness with which it was executed, but the deliberation and utter carelessness of concealment in all the measures leading to its accomplishment.

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Questions.—11. What was proposed at the meeting? 12. What did the owner now propose? 13. What were the striking features of this act?

## CHAPTER XXV.

THE LAST PROPRIETARY—*First Continental Congress—Attachment of Maryland to the family of Baltimore—Extinction of the Family—Henry Harford—Condition of the Colony.*

1. The First Continental Congress met at Philadelphia, on 5th of September, 1774. It issued a manifesto setting forth the rights and grievances of the colonies, and proposing the scheme of non-importation of British goods.

2. On its adjournment, the Maryland Convention again assembled, and approved of the proceedings of the Congress; with the organization of this convention closed the power and dominion of the last Proprietary of Maryland.

3. The people of Maryland had always loved and revered the family of the founder of the province. Under the government of his descendants, they had enjoyed a large liberty, and a constantly increasing prosperity. They ever bore testimony to the kind and paternal rule of the proprietaries.

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*Questions.*—1. Meeting of Congress? What did it issue? 2. Meeting of the Maryland Convention? 3. What had been the feelings toward the family of the founder of the colony?

4. It seemed as if Providence, when the great struggle for independence was approaching, severed the link, which might have so held them to their old allegiance, that they would have been less ardent in the common cause.

5. In 1758, Frederick, last of the lords of Baltimore, became a widower. He had no children by his wife, and he never married again. He was in the same year charged with a criminal offence, of which he was acquitted, but it is known that he led a dissolute and degraded life. He died at the age of forty, in Italy, in 1771.

6. He devised the province to his illegitimate son, Henry Harford, Esq. The title of Lord Baltimore could not descend to him, and thus the name of the founders of the colony passed from their descendants just as their rule over it was about to cease. The people of Maryland cared nothing for the man who was an alien in name, and of illegitimate birth. A Proprietary of this kind could only increase the discontent.

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*Questions.*—5. What is said of Frederick, last lord of Baltimore?  
6. Who was his heir?

7. Henry Harford was the last Proprietary, and Robert Eden was the last English Governor of Maryland. After the close of the war of the Revolution, the late proprietary and his governor, returned together into the State. Eden died shortly after, near the City of Annapolis.

8. A period of one hundred and forty years had passed since two hundred pilgrims, under Leonard Calvert, landed at the southern extremity of the province. Their descendants had extended themselves to its northern boundary, covered its eastern shore with wealth and civilization, crossed the Blue Ridge, filling its valleys with a bold and hardy population. Commerce was filling its bays and rivers with fleets; the forge and the furnace were already at work; in short, though hampered by the restrictive laws of England, the germs of her future prosperity were budding forth and giving promise of the greatness which this day sees realized.

9. Thus stood the colony in the crisis which was approaching, with a people liberal in their sentiments, proud of their liberties, prepared to extend them, and ready to maintain them with their blood.

THE LORDS PROPRIETARY OF MARYLAND.

- 1632—CECILIUS CALVERT..... *Second Lord Baltimore.*  
 1675—CHARLES CALVERT..... *Third Lord Baltimore.*  
 1715—BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT... *Fourth Lord Baltimore.*  
 1715—CHARLES CALVERT..... *Fifth Lord Baltimore.*  
 1751—FREDERICK CALVERT.... *Sixth and last Lord Baltimore.*  
 1771-1776—HENRY HARFORD, Esq.... *Last Proprietary.*

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THE COLONIAL GOVERNORS.

*Proprietary Governors.*

- 1633—LEONARD CALVERT.  
 1647—THOMAS GREEN.  
 1649—WILLIAM STONE.  
 1654—COMMISSIONERS UNDER PARLIAMENT.  
 1658—JOSIAH FENDALL.  
 1661—PHILIP CALVERT.  
 1662—CHARLES CALVERT.  
 1667—CHARLES, LORD BALTIMORE.  
 1678—THOMAS NOTELY.  
 1681—CHARLES, LORD BALTIMORE.  
 1685—WILLIAM JOSEPH, *Pres. of Deputies.*  
 1689—CONVENTION OF PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION.

*Royal Governors.*

- 1692—SIR LIONEL COPLEY.  
 1693—SIR EDMOND ANDROS.  
 1694—FRANCIS NICHOLSON.  
 1699—NATHANIEL BLACKISTONE.  
 1703—THOMAS TENCH, *Pres.*  
 1704—JOHN LEYMOUR.  
 1709—EDWARD LLOYD, *Pres.*  
 1714—JOHN HART.

*Proprietary Governors.*

- 1715—JOHN HART.  
 1720—CHARLES CALVERT.  
 1727—BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT.  
 1732—SAMUEL OGLE.  
 1733—CHARLES, LORD BALTIMORE.  
 1735—SAMUEL OGLE.  
 1742—THOMAS BLADEN.  
 1747—SAMUEL OGLE.  
 1752—BENJAMIN TASKER, *Pres.*  
 1753—HORATIO SHARPE.  
 1769—ROBERT EDEN.
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## COLONIAL POPULATION OF MARYLAND.

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|----------------|--------|-----------|---------------|
| 1634.....about | 200    | 1715..... | 50,200        |
| 1660.....      | 12,000 | 1748..... | 130,000       |
| 1665.....      | 16,000 | 1756..... | 154,188       |
| 1671.....      | 20,000 | 1776..... | about 200,000 |
| 1701.....      | 30,000 |           |               |

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## FORMATION OF COUNTIES UNDER COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1633—ST. MARY'S.   | 1674—CECIL.           |
| —KENT.             | 1695—PRINCE GEORGE'S. |
| 1650—ANNE ARUNDEL. | 1706—QUEEN ANNE'S.    |
| 1654—CALVERT.      | 1742—WORCESTER.       |
| 1658—CHARLES.      | 1748—FREDERICK.       |
| 1659—BALTIMORE.    | 1773—CAROLINE.        |
| 1661—TALBOT.       | 1773—HARFORD.         |
| 1666—SOMERSET.     | 1776—WASHINGTON.      |
| 1669—DORCHESTER.   | 1776—MONTGOMERY.      |



## PART II.

## CHAPTER I.

THE REVOLUTION—*Convention—Power of Public Sentiment—Resolution of Maryland to stand by Massachusetts—New York and Maryland—Washington appointed Commander-in-Chief—Formation of Maryland Line—Riflemen—Want of Supplies.*

1. The convention called upon the people of Maryland to bury all private animosities, all religious disputes, all memory of past persecution, and “in the name of God, their country and posterity, to unite in defence of the common rights and liberties.”

2. On the 8th of December, 1774, the convention again assembled to make preparations for an armed resistance to the power of England. The old government still retained the form and machinery of power; the new, without these, possessed an irresistible authority throughout the colony. The source

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*Questions.*—1. What did the convention call upon all to do?  
2. When did the convention again meet? For what purpose?  
What was the source of the power of the convention?

of its power was not its legal form, but public sentiment. Resting on this it needed not penalties and judicial tribunals, for the dominion that has public sentiment for its throne is irresistible.

3. All who refused to submit to the decrees of the convention were denounced by that body, and from that moment the offenders became the object of the withering scorn and contempt of their countrymen. And this has more terrors than the stake.

4. Having provided for the exercise of their authority, the convention resolved that if the crown attempted to carry out by force the measures against Massachusetts, Maryland would assist her to the last extremity. They then ordered all males from sixteen to fifty years of age, to be enrolled and organized into companies; to be armed, equipped, and drilled, ready for instant service.

5. These resolves were immediately carried out; old and young enrolled with the greatest enthusiasm. Maryland was girding herself for the struggle in which she won so glorious a name. The convention was to meet again on the 24th of April, 1775; on the 19th the

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*Questions.*—3. What was done to those who refused to submit? 4. What did the convention resolve to do? 5. When was the convention to meet again? What took place on the 19th?

struggle broke out into open conflict, and the first blood shed in the revolutionary war was at Lexington. The blow was struck and the American people sprung to arms for the defence of their liberties.

6. Elsewhere, it was suggested by the timid that submission would ensure reconciliation. The city of New York was cold, but in Maryland the people were long since prepared for the resort to arms. The Connecticut troops had to be placed within a short distance of New York to overawe the tory tendencies of many of the people. But subsequently, the Connecticut troops themselves were charged by Washington with deserting the cause of their country at the most critical moment. Their ill-timed yearning for home was bad enough; but they not only took themselves off, but the ammunition also, leaving none for the Maryland troops, whose fondness for home never overcame their sense of honor.

7. After the battle of Bunker Hill, there was no more hesitation. Congress determined, not only to defend the rights of the people, but to drive out the British troops.

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*Questions.*—6. What did the timid suggest? What is said of New York, and of Maryland? 7. What was the result of the battle of Bunker Hill? What did Congress determine?

Boston was ordered to be invested. Thomas Johnson, of Maryland, had the honor of nominating General Washington, as Commander-in-Chief of the American forces. The election was by ballot, and was unanimous. Washington's modesty in accepting this important trust, was equalled only by the confidence the country reposed in his abilities, and was the surest evidence of his fitness.

8. Although Johnson, of Maryland, nominated Washington, Adams, of Massachusetts, claimed the honor of first bringing him forward as the proper person for the emergency. Hancock, of Massachusetts, who was presiding, shewed evident marks of disapprobation and resentment at Adams' honorable allusions to "a gentleman from Virginia," for he did not mention Washington by name. New England was desirous of having one of her own men made commander-in-chief.

9. On the 26th of July, the convention of Maryland again met, and their first step was to adopt the famous "Association of Freemen of Maryland." This became the written con-

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*Questions.*—7. Who nominated Gen'l Washington as commander-in-chief? 8. What is said of Hancock? What did New England desire? 9. When did the convention again meet, and what was their first step?

stitution of the province until the new system was framed in 1776.

10. They also set about the formation of a regular force, to be composed of a battalion, of which Col. Smallwood received the command, and of seven independent companies, numbering in all 1444 men, besides two companies of artillery, and one of marines.

11. By a resolution of Congress, two companies of riflemen were called for, from Maryland. These companies were soon filled with the hardy pioneers of Western Maryland. Capt. Cresap's company numbered one hundred and thirty men, who were armed with tomahawks and rifles, were painted like Indians, and were dressed in hunting shirts and moccasins. These men were ordered to march to the camp around Boston, being joined by like companies from Virginia and Pennsylvania.

12. The arrival of these stalwart fellows, such as Washington had known in his early campaigns—many of them upwards of six feet high, and of vigorous frame—in their fringed frocks and round hats, excited great wonder among the rustic visitors of the camp.

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*Questions.*—10. What did they set about? 11. What is said of riflemen? 12. What is said of their appearance in camp?

Their dash, their skill—they could hit a mark while advancing at quick step, at the distance of two hundred and fifty yards—their striking costume, caused them to be looked upon with some jealousy by the plainer troops about them, who seemed to think that all valor, as well as virtue, was enclosed in the round jacket and trowsers of Marblehead, and it was well for the gaily clad sons of the South, that their behavior in battle was always equal to the expectation they excited. In the sharpest conflict of the war, it was they “who stemmed the current of the heady fight.”

13. The officers of these were Michael Cresap, Thomas Warren, Joseph Cresap, Jr., Richard Davis, Thomas Price, Otho H. Williams and John Ross Key.

14. Many were too impatient to endure the delay of organizing these troops, and hastened to join the camp before Boston, at their own expense. Among these was James Wilkinson, afterwards a Major-General in the United States service.

15. The great difficulty to be contended against was the want of supplies. The arsenal at Annapolis, was almost empty. To

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*Questions.*—12. What is said of their skill? 13. Who were their officers? 14. What did many do? 15. What was the great difficulty to be contended against?

overcome these difficulties, the convention offered bounties and encouragement for the manufacture of such articles as were most needed — such as saltpetre, materials for clothes, and munitions of war. Powder mills were erected, and Mr. Hughes, of Frederick county, agreed to furnish the province with cannon.

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## CHAPTER II.

LORD DUNMORE—*Plans of Lord Dunmore—Attempt to inflict a Servile War—Discovery of his Plans—Aid to Eastern Shore of Virginia—Batteries Erected near Baltimore—“The Otter” — “The Defence” — State Navy—Gov. Eden—Civil Authority and Military Power—Eden Sent to England—Militia Sent to the Coast—Flying Camp.*

1. As yet Maryland had not even been threatened with hostilities. But a period of real danger was approaching. This arose from the attempts of Lord Dunmore, the late royal governor of Virginia. It was his plan to raise an army in the western parts, and cut off all communication between the northern

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*Questions.*—15. How did the convention overcome these difficulties? 1. What danger now threatened Maryland? What was Dunmore's plan?

and southern provinces. The tories and Indians were to be enrolled, an army to be formed with artillery gathered up from the line of fortresses on the north and west, and this army was to cut its way to Alexandria, where Dunmore would join it, bringing with him servants and negroes, and others belonging to rebels—in the words of Washington Irving—to inflict upon Virginia, the horrors of a servile war. This kind of war, thought by this northern writer, in 1855, so unworthy of civilization, was adopted, not by the British, in 1775, but by the Americans themselves before 1865.

2. His plans, however, were discovered by the arrest of one of his agents, in Frederick county. While endeavoring to organize a force in the west, Dunmore was actively engaged in scattering the seeds of disaffection on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He succeeded in raising several companies of men pledged to support the royal cause, if arms and ammunition should be furnished them. But this conspiracy was crushed out by the committee of safety of the Eastern Shore.

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*Questions.*—2. How were his plans discovered? What was Dunmore doing on the Eastern Shore? What success had he?



3. Two companies of militia from Kent and Queen Anne's, under Captains Kent and Henry, marched to Northampton county, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, to repel the invasion of that section. They remained there long after their term had expired, rather than leave their neighbors unprotected.

4. To prevent the harbors of Maryland from being bombarded by Dunmore, batteries were erected near Baltimore and Annapolis, and several merchant vessels were manned and armed as vessels of war. The basin at Baltimore was also obstructed by three heavy chains of wrought iron stretched across its mouth, and by vessels sunk in the channel. The public records were removed from Annapolis to Upper Marlborough.

5. Early in March, 1766, the Otter, a British sloop of war, with two tenders, captured several small vessels in the Chesapeake bay. She anchored a few miles below Baltimore, with the intention of destroying the State Ship Defence, then nearly completed, in that harbor. Captain Nicholson, who commanded

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*Questions.*—3. How was the Eastern Shore of Virginia protected? 4. What was done to the harbors in the bay? What at Baltimore? At Annapolis? 5. What British vessel threatened Baltimore? What was her design?

the Defence, hastily prepared his vessel, with the intention of recapturing the prizes. Accompanied by several smaller vessels, on a hazy morning he bore down upon the Otter. The British were completely surprised; the tenders escaped with difficulty, and all the prizes were retaken.

6. The Otter bore away for Annapolis, but finding this place fortified, she dropped down the bay without having won either booty or success. The militia followed her down the bay shores as fast as possible, and succeeded in preventing her from capturing a prize that was almost within her grasp.

7. On the 5th of June, the gallant Nicholson received a commission in the new Continental Navy, and took command of the frigate Virginia. Many other Marylanders entered into the service, among whom none were more distinguished than Captain William Halleck, and Joshua Barney.

8. Mr. Eden, the last English governor, still remained in the province, although the real supremacy was in the hands of the convention. His politic course, his want of power to hurt, and his personal popularity

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*Questions.*—5. What did Capt. Nicholson do? 6. Where did the Otter now go? What did the militia do? 7. What is said of Nicholson, and other officers? 8. What is said of Mr. Eden?

preserved him from the exile, which had been the fate of other provincial governors. But letters to him from the English ministry, commanding him to hold himself ready to assist the crown, having been intercepted, it was no longer deemed prudent to permit him to remain.

9. He was arrested by the military. The committee of safety of Maryland, who were the civil authority, immediately resented this usurpation of their prerogative; they summoned the officer, reprimanded him, and ordered him to return to his post. The people of Maryland were not disposed to submit to the military dogma *inter arma leges silent*.\* Military men, whose business is violence, are apt to confound physical power with legal and moral right. For that reason a republican people are always jealous of military rule, and keep it subordinate to civil authority. The military is the servant of the civil power, and when the master yields to the servant, liberty is gone, and tyranny is the result.

\* In the din of arms, the laws are silent.

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Questions.—8. Why was it thought prudent that he should not remain? 9. By whom was he arrested? What did the civil authority do? What is said of military men? What is the office of the military?

10. The committee of safety, however, considered the presence of Eden dangerous, and gave him notice to depart, which he did, on board the "Fowey," dispatched by Lord Dunmore to receive him.

11. Dunmore was threatening Maryland with his vengeance, and the militia was ordered to the coast to cut off his communication with the disaffected. At the same time the convention set about organizing the flying camp, called for by congress. The quota to be furnished was three thousand four hundred and five men.

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### CHAPTER III.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE—*Vain Hopes of Settlement—Rebels or Freemen—Order issued by the Convention of Maryland—Charles Carroll of Carrollton—State Government—Disposition of Troops.*

1. For a long time the people of America hoped and thought they could obtain their rights without severing their allegiance to the mother country. But the course of England

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*Questions.*—10. What was done with Eden? 11. What was Dunmore threatening? Where were the militia ordered? What camp did the convention organize? 1. What did the people for a long time hope?

in pouring troops into the country to conquer, rather than conciliate, aroused the spirit of hostility, and taught them that they had not only to resist encroachments upon their rights, but that they must advance to the position of independence. They must be either subdued rebels or triumphant freemen. Their victories during the last year convinced them that they had a reasonable hope for the latter. Maryland was in full sympathy with these feelings.

2. On the 28th of May, 1776, the convention of Maryland unanimously ordered that the delegates should unite on behalf of the province in declaring the colonies free and independent, reserving to the State, however, complete internal sovereignty.

3. Charles Carroll was chiefly instrumental in obtaining the passage of this act. He was on the 4th of July, together with Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, Jr., William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, and Robert Alexander, chosen delegate to Congress.

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*Questions.*—1, What raised the spirit of hostility? What did they learn? 2. What did the Maryland convention order? 3. Who was chiefly instrumental in this? When was he chosen delegate to congress? Who else were chosen?

4. On the 2d of July, the Declaration of Independence had been prepared, and was introduced. On the 4th, it was adopted and signed by the delegates in congress assembled. Carroll, having been chosen delegate after its passage, might have avoided the signature which would have been the evidence of his treason, had America failed. As it was said there were several Charles Carrolls, and that he could not be identified, he immediately added "of Carrolton," the name of his estate, having none of the timid apprehensions that were probably lurking in the bosoms of those who hinted at his fortunate chances for escape.

5. This step having been taken, it was necessary to frame a permanent government for the new State. The convention ordered an election of delegates to assemble and form a constitution. Then having confided the supreme power in the hands of the committee of safety, it adjourned. One of its last acts was to place the state troops at the disposal of congress. The battalion under Col.

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*Questions.*—4. On what day was the Declaration of Independence adopted? What took place when Carroll signed it? 5. What steps were taken to form a new state government? What did the convention do about the state troops?

Smallwood, and the independent companies in the counties, attached to his command were ordered to Philadelphia, to be marshalled at once into the national service.

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## CHAPTER IV.

THE MARYLAND TROOPS AT THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND—*Condition of the American Army—Landing of the British—The Macaronis—The Battle—Terrible charge of the Marylanders—Loss of Marylanders.*

1. It was at a dark hour, that the Maryland line was destined to enter the field.—The British general's forces amounted to 30,000 men, while the American were only 17,000, and nearly one-fifth of these were sick and unfit for duty.

2. On the 10th of July, six companies under Smallwood himself, from Annapolis, and three from Baltimore, embarked for the head of Elk river, whence they marched to New York, and were incorporated in Lord Sterling's brigade. They were well appointed and organized, composed of young and spir-

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*Questions.*—5. Where were they ordered? 1. What was the number of troops of the British? Of the Americans? 2. What is said of Smallwood's battalion?

ited men, who had already acquired the skill and precision of drilled soldiers. "There was none by whom an unofficer-like appearance and deportment could be tolerated less than by a Marylander, who, at this time was distinguished by the most fashionable cut coat, the most *Macaroni* cocked hat, and hottest blood in the Union."

3. Arriving at a time when the army was lamentably deficient in discipline, they immediately won the confidence of the commander-in-chief; and, from the moment of their arrival were thrown upon the advanced posts, and disposed as covering parties.

4. The four independent companies remaining in Maryland, were ordered to join Col. Smallwood, as was also the flying camp, now rapidly organizing.

5. From the 21st of August to the 27th, the British were landing their troops on Long Island. On the 20th, the Maryland troops were ordered over to the scene of the approaching conflict. Putnam, who was in command of the American forces, having been out-manceuvred by the British general,

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*Questions.*—2. What of their appearance? 3. What of their arrival? 4. What is said of the independent companies? 5. When did the British land their troops? What did Putnam order?



ordered Sterling, with two regiments, to hold the enemy in check. One of these regiments was Smallwood's battalion—the *Macaronis* in scarlet and buff. They turned out with great alacrity, and placed themselves along a ridge, having Col. Atlee with Pennsylvania troops in ambush in advance.

6. As the British came up, the Pennsylvanians gave them two or three volleys and then retreated, and formed on Sterling's left. For several hours a severe cannonading was kept up on both sides, but no general engagement was sought by either party. Sterling's object was to keep the enemy in check. The instructions of the British general, Grant, were, not to press an attack until aware that Sir Henry Clinton was on the left flank of the Americans.

7. At length the left wing of the Americans having been turned by Clinton, and the centre broken, the situation of Sterling became dangerous in the extreme. Washington, who had come on the field during the battle, saw the danger to which the brave

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*Questions.*—5. What is said of Smallwood's battalion? 6. What did the Pennsylvanians do? What was Sterling's object? What were the British General's instructions? 7. What is said of the situation of Sterling? What did Washington see?

fellows under Sterling were exposed, though they could not. He saw the enemy's reserve, under Cornwallis, marching down by a cross road to get in the rear, and thus place them between two files; and with breathless anxiety he watched the result.

8. The sound of Clinton's cannon apprised Sterling that the enemy was between him and the lines. Grant, too, who had held back all the morning, was closing up. In the rear lay an extensive marsh traversed by a deep and dangerous creek, eighty yards wide at its mouth.

9. Leaving part of his men to face Grant, he selected four hundred of the Maryland battalion, and, ordering the rest of the troops to make the best of their way to the creek, marched to meet Cornwallis' brigade. Washington and others, who watched every movement, had supposed that Sterling and his troops would surrender in a body, but as the Marylanders, with fixed bayonet rushed to the charge upon the overwhelming force opposed to them, Washington wrung his hands, exclaiming: "Good God! what brave fellows I must this day lose."

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*Questions.*—8. What first apprised Sterling of his danger? 9. How did he meet the danger? What did Washington suppose? What did he exclaim?

10. It was indeed a desperate fight. And now Smallwood's *Macaronis* showed their game spirit. Five times this little band charged upon the powerful forces of Cornwallis; five times they were driven back to gather new energies for a fiercer assault. Under the sixth, the heavy column of the British reeled and began to give way.

11. At the moment victory was in their grasp, Grant's brigade assailed them in the rear, and the Hessians came to the aid of Cornwallis in front. Already outnumbered more than ten to one, with their ranks thinned by the terrific slaughter, and worn down by long fighting, these devoted men could no longer make head against their foes.

12. Three companies cut their way through the crowded ranks of the enemy and maintained their order until they reached the marsh, where from the nature of the ground they broke and escaped as quickly as possible to the creek. This desperate conflict gave time to the remainder to make good their retreat across the marsh. They swam the water, bringing with them twenty-eight prisoners, and their tattered standard.

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*Questions.*—10. What is said in this section? 11. What prevented the victory? 12. Did they surrender? What was the effect of this desperate fight?

13. The loss of the Maryland troops in this deadly struggle was murderous. From sunrise, until the last gun was in the field, they were hotly engaged, and when the rest of the army had been routed, or had fled, maintained the battle unaided, against two brigades of the enemy. Nearly half of their force was annihilated. Their loss in killed and wounded was 256, officers and men. To this day, the people of Long Island point out to strangers the spot, where half of the Maryland battalion stemmed the advance of the whole left wing of the British army, when no other troops were left upon the field, and where the best blood of the State was poured out like water.

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*Questions.*—13. What is said of the loss of the Maryland troops? How long were they engaged? What do the people of Long Island still do?

## CHAPTER V.

MARYLAND TROOPS IN THE RETREAT—*Maryland Troops in the Advance Posts—Crossing the Ferry—Attempt to Surround the Americans—Disgraceful Retreat of the Connecticut Militia—Maryland Line Cover the Retreat—Battle at Harlem—Battle at White Plains—Attack on Fort Washington—Destruction of the Enemy's Troops by the Maryland and Virginia Rifles.*

1. It having been found necessary to retreat from Long Island, it was determined to do so before the ferry should be occupied by the enemy. This masterly movement was effected on the 29th of August.

2. Although the Maryland troops had enjoyed but one day's rest since their bloody conflict, they were ordered on duty at the advanced post of Fort Putnam, within two hundred and fifty yards of the enemy's line, and, with two Pennsylvania regiments on the left, were to protect the retreat of the army.

3. Under cover of a foggy night and morning, the movement was happily effected, in spite of the disorder of the eastern troops; and it was not discovered by the enemy until

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*Questions.*—1. Why was it necessary to be prompt in the retreat? When was the retreat effected? 2. Where were the Maryland troops ordered? 3. How was the retreat effected?

the last detachment of Marylanders and Pennsylvanians was half way across the river and out of reach.

4. The British now attempted to surround the Americans on New York Island, and, it being found impossible to defend the city, in the disorganized condition of the troops, Washington resolved that the army should be withdrawn into the lines below Fort Washington. On the 15th of September, the enemy effected a landing without opposition, in the face of two brigades of Connecticut militia, who fled disgracefully at the fire from sixty of the British infantry.

5. Disgusted with such cowardice, General Washington immediately sent an express for the Maryland regiment, drew it from its brigade, and ordered it down towards New York, to cover the retreat of the army. He knew well he could rely upon its maintaining its position against all odds.

6. Smallwood posted his regiment, and they remained under arms the best part of the day until the last troops had passed. Having maintained his position as long as it

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*Questions.*—4. What did the British now attempt? What did Washington resolve? When did the enemy effect a landing? What is said of the Connecticut militia? 5. What did Washington do? 6. What did Smallwood do?

was necessary, and having received notice to retreat, he retired in good order, and reached the lines about dusk.

7. On the next day, a body of three hundred British appeared in the plains below the American position. Having been attacked, and receiving a reinforcement of seven hundred men, Gen. Washington ordered up Major Price, with three of the Maryland independent companies, and Colonels Richardson's and Griffith's regiments of the Maryland flying camp. These troops attacked the enemy with the bayonet and drove them from their position.

8. In the battle at White Plains, the militia having taken to flight, and the artillery having retired in confusion, Smallwood's Maryland regiment was immediately advanced to meet the enemy. A long and severe conflict ensued; but, overpowered by superior numbers, it was compelled to give ground.

9. The Maryland regiment suffered severely; Colonel Smallwood was himself among the wounded. The regulars of that gallant corps, worn down by the hard service they had endured, and the effects of their wounds, had

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*Questions.*—7. What took place the next day? 8. What is said of Maryland regiment in battle of White Plains? 9. Who was wounded?

been much weakened. Yet under all these trying circumstances, almost without field officers, the Maryland line displayed its wonted valor at White Plains, and won new laurels for its State.

10. In the attack on Fort Washington, we again find the Marylanders distinguishing themselves. Posted among the trees, Rawling's riflemen, the hardy sons of the Maryland and Virginia mountains, poured upon the advancing column a murderous fire.—The Hessians broke and retired. Again they were brought to the attack, and again repulsed with dreadful slaughter. The Maryland riflemen remembered the destruction of their brethren at the battle of Long Island by the Hessians, and did not forget to avenge it.

11. A single battalion of riflemen, whose weapons, from frequent discharges, had become foul and almost useless, could effect little, when opposed to five thousand men with the bayonet. They could not hope for victory, but they won great glory.

12. The fort was compelled to surrender. Among the captives were Major Otho H.

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*Questions.*—9. What further is said of the Maryland line? 10. What is said of the attack on Fort Washington? 11. What of the riflemen? 12. What was the result?



Williams, Lieutenants Lockett, Lingan, Davis and Evans. Some few Marylanders escaped across the river. The loss of the enemy was nearly twelve hundred, more than half of which was inflicted by Rawling's Maryland and Virginia riflemen.

13. The victories of Trenton and of Princeton, during this celebrated retreat, were successful strategetic movements, rather than battles. They served to show the master-mind of Washington, but there was little of that hard fighting that shews the stuff the men are made of; hence in them, there are no particular instances of heroic deeds to record.

14. The campaign of 1776, was a dark and bloody one, but full of glory to the Maryland line; which, a powerful regiment in the month of August, was now reduced to a mere handful of men, under the command of a captain. In the battles from Brooklyn, Long Island, to Princeton, the *old* or first line was almost annihilated.

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*Questions.*—12. What was the loss of the enemy? 13. What is said of the battles of Trenton and of Princeton? 14. What is said of the campaign of 1776?

## CHAPTER VI.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND STATE GOVERNMENT—  
*Convention—Division of Frederick County—Supplies for the Army—Constitution agreed to—Division of the Government—Qualifications for Voters—First State Legislature—Inducements to Enlist—The First Governor—Inauguration.*

1. An election having been held for delegates to a new convention to form a new constitution, this body assembled on the 14th of August, 1776, and organized, by unanimously electing Matthew Tilghman, President. The committee, appointed to prepare and report a declaration of rights, and form of government, was composed of Messrs. Tilghman, the President, Carroll, Paca, Carroll of Carrollton, Plater, Chase and Goldsborough.

2. On the 6th of September, the convention divided Frederick county, cutting off from it the counties now named Washington and Montgomery. The pressure of public business prevented the consideration of the

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*Questions.*—1. For what was a new convention called? What committee was formed, and who composed it? 2. What counties were set off? What was said of the bills proposed by the committee?

bill of rights, and the constitution, which the committee had reported. This subject, therefore, was postponed, that they might give their attention to the condition of the troops, and the deficiency of all the material of war.

3. Ample supplies were determined upon, the committee of safety was ordered to import four thousand stand of arms, as many gun locks, fourteen cannons, twenty tons of powder, and forty tons of lead, to be purchased with wheat, tobacco, flour and other Maryland produce.

4. The quota of troops set down by Congress, to be furnished by Maryland, was eight battalions, numbering four thousand men, one-tenth of the whole army. This was larger in proportion than that levied on the northern States; still, Maryland, in her zeal for the general welfare, made no effort to get her quota reduced, but immediately took steps to furnish the troops.

5. On the 8th of November, after much deliberation, the new constitution of the State was finally agreed to, and elections were

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*Questions.*—3. What was the committee ordered to do? 4. What was Maryland's quota? What is said of this quota? 5. When was the State constitution finally agreed to?

ordered to carry it into effect. The election took place in November 25th, 1776.

6. The government was composed of three distinct branches—the legislative, the executive, and the judiciary. The legislative authority was vested in a Senate and House of Representatives. The House of Delegates was composed of members from the counties, from Baltimore, and from Annapolis. The Senate consisted of fifteen members. The executive authority was in the hands of the governor. The judiciary was composed of the courts of the State.

7. Every voter was required to be the owner of fifty acres of land in the county in which he resided, or to possess property within the State to the value of thirty pounds current money. Delegates must own property to the value of five hundred pounds; Senators a thousand pounds; and the governor must possess a freehold of lands and tenements, of the value of a thousand pounds, and have resided three years within the State, prior to his election. By the bill of rights, the conscience was left as free and untrammelled as in the days of Leonard Calvert.

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*Questions.*—6. How was the government divided? 7. What were the qualifications of voters? Of senators? Of governor? What about freedom of conscience?

8. The first State Legislature, met on the 5th of February, 1777. The first business that occupied their attention was the recruiting service. During the retreat from Long Island, the Maryland troops had been so reduced, that Smallwood's battalion, and the seven independent companies, which had entered the service fourteen hundred strong, had been worn down to a mere captain's command, and in the face of this great loss, it required corresponding exertions to fill up the quota of eight battalions.

9. To favor enlistments, every recruit was exempted from arrest for debts under twenty pounds, and his property was entirely freed from attachment and execution. To provide blankets for the soldiers, every family was obliged to give up one-half of their surplus articles of that kind for the use of the army.

10. On Friday, the 21st of March, 1777, Thomas Johnson was proclaimed first republican Governor of Maryland. The announcement was hailed by a salute from the military. Annapolis was the scene of great festivities

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*Questions.*—8. When did the first state legislature meet? What was the condition of Maryland troops? 9. What was done to favor enlistments? How were blankets provided? 10. Who was first republican governor of Maryland?

on the inauguration of the new government. The general and county committees of safety surrendered up their powers and ceased to exist. The State was under the law of the constitution.

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## CHAPTER VII.

*CAMPAIGN OF 1777—Increase and Division of the Maryland Line—Battle of the Brandywine—Deborre—Battle of Germantown—Success of the Marylanders—John Eager Howard—Marylanders not Supported—Howe's Attack.*

1. The Maryland line, having been increased to seven battalions, was divided into two brigades. One, composed of four battalions, was placed under command of Smallwood, now promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. The commander of the other was General Deborre, a French officer in the service of the confederacy.

2. On the 25th of August, the British army landed at the head of Elk river, and began their march upon Philadelphia. The Americans took post behind the Brandywine, and on

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*Questions.*—1. How was the Maryland line divided? Who were the officers? 2. When and where did the British land? Where did the Americans post themselves?

the 10th of September, the British advanced to force their position. The Maryland line constituted a part of the division which was ordered to meet Cornwallis. But before the line could be formed, the Maryland division was attacked by the enemy. Deborre's brigade broke after a slight resistance, and subsequently the whole gave way. The Maryland line, while it behaved gallantly, scarcely sustained its ancient reputation—nor equalled its subsequent glory, when led by its own chiefs in the South.

3. Deborre was a foreigner, unpopular with his men, and entirely without their confidence. General Smallwood and Colonel Gist, leaders whom they would follow against any odds, were absent at the head of the militia. The troops had lain the night before on their arms, had slept but little, they had been in line all day without food, and were hurried into action only half-formed, after a rapid march, and sudden change of position.

4. The next fight in which we find the Maryland troops, was the battle of Germantown. This battle, though unsuccessful, was one that redounded very much to the credit

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*Questions.*—What is said of Deborre's brigade? 3. What is said of Deborre? What of the troops? 4. Where do we next find the Maryland line?

of Washington and the American arms.— Why it was not successful is not known. An unaccountable panic seized the Americans after orders to retreat had been given by the officers of the enemy.

5. A regiment from the second Maryland brigade was detached to drive in the enemy's pickets. The pickets were reinforced by all the light infantry. The attacking regiments, however, maintained their ground firmly, until the whole Maryland Division was brought to their assistance. They advanced in gallant style, and with such resolution, that the light infantry were driven from the field, after a sharp action, and their encampment fell into the hands of the victorious line.

6. In the pursuit, a company under Capt. Daniel Dorsey, was engaged with a body of the enemy. As the Maryland division was pressing on, being already in advance of the rest of the army, Col. Hale attempted to disengage and bring up Dorsey's company, but was disabled by accident.

7. The command of his regiment devolved upon Major John Eager Howard, who immediately hurried the men forward through the

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*Questions.*—5. What is said in this section? 6. What happened in the pursuit? 7. Upon whom did the command devolve? What did he do?



camp of the light infantry, and captured two six-pounders. Being now fired upon by the enemy, who had taken shelter in a strong building, Col. Hazen, then in command at the left of the Maryland line, halted in the rear of that position.

8. The remaining regiments of the line under Sullivan, pursued the flying light artillery, and came upon the main body of the enemy drawn up to receive them. A severe conflict followed. Sullivan at once ordered his Marylanders to advance upon them. They obeyed without hesitation. The enemy after a sharp resistance retired.

9. The firing at the dwelling house gave rise to the fear that the enemy was in force in that quarter, and the morning being dark and hazy, it was impossible to discover the exact position of either the British or American forces. The result was a considerable confusion, through which, the Maryland line—assisted by a regiment of North Carolinians and part of Conway's brigade—were now left open on their flank. Having pursued the enemy for a mile beyond the house, and

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*Questions.*—8. What did the remaining regiments do? 9. What is said of the firing at the dwelling house? What further is said of the Maryland troops?

having expended all their ammunition, they found themselves unsupported by any other troops, and, as the enemy were rallying on the left to attack them, were compelled to retire. They, however, brought off their cannon and their wounded.

10. Early in December, Howe marched his forces out of Philadelphia, as if to attack the American army. On the seventh, he approached near the main army. Washington believing a general engagement at hand, threw Gist, with the Maryland militia, and Colonel Morgan's rifles forward, to attack their front and flank. The assault was made with great spirit, and after a severe skirmish, the enemy's advanced parties were driven back. Being reinforced, they, in their turn compelled Gist and Morgan to retire.

11. Washington withheld his reinforcements, and prepared to defend his camp, and Howe, finding it impossible to take him at disadvantage, retired to the city. His loss in the action with the Maryland militia, was one hundred killed and wounded; that of the militia was seventeen wounded, and of the rifles, twenty-six killed and wounded.

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*Questions.*—10. What is said of Howe? Repeat the section?  
11. What did Howe now do? What was his loss? What, of the militia?

12. While Washington was wintering at Valley Forge, the Maryland line, under Smallwood, was stationed at Wilmington. They succeeded in capturing a British brig, in the Delaware, laden with stores and provisions, which made their winter quarters comfortable, when compared to those of Valley Forge.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

1778 and 1779.—*MORE TROOPS DEMANDED—Disaffection—British Evacuate Philadelphia—Battle of Monmouth—General Lee—Washington's Reliance on Maryland Officers—Landing, and Retreat of British Troops.*

1. On the 17th of March, 1778, the legislature again assembled at Annapolis. Congress had called on the several States for an increase of their forces. The quota demanded from Maryland, was two thousand nine hundred and two men.

2. While this quota was filling, Count Pulaski, a gallant Pole, was busily engaged forming his legion partly in this State, and partly in Delaware.

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*Questions.*—12. Where did Smallwood winter? 1. When did the legislature again meet? 2. What is said of Count Pulaski?

3. He succeeded in raising a corps which did good service to the country. He perished in storming a battery at Savannah.

4. The drain upon Maryland was very great, in some parts of the State a great degree of disaffection still continued, and the population was scanty. Yet with all these drawbacks, before the other States had well moved in the matter, except New Jersey, the Maryland line was raised to its full number.

5. The severe winter spent by the army at Valley Forge, had almost exhausted the State. The northern and southern States had been very slow in sending their proportions of provisions; the army had, therefore, to depend largely upon Maryland, and it was feared that her resources were nearly consumed. But the energy of the governor in aiding the quartermaster's department, and the patriotism of the people were equal to the emergency.

6. As the spring advanced, the British prepared to retreat from Philadelphia. Many were anxious to drive the enemy from the city, but the weakness of the American army

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*Questions.*—3. What further is said of him? 4. What is said of the condition of Maryland? 5. What of the encampment at Valley Forge? What of the States north and south? 6. What did the British prepare to do?

rendered it too dangerous to make the attempt. None of the States, except Maryland and New Jersey, had filled up their quotas, although constantly urged by Washington to do so.

7. On the 18th of June, 1778, the British army evacuated Philadelphia, and crossed the Delaware. They had encamped at Monmouth Court House, in a strong position. Washington determined to attack them the moment they began to retire from the posts, and directed Lee to carry this design into execution.

8. General Lee having taken upon himself to judge of the propriety of engaging on the ground he occupied, ordered his troops to retire. At the first sound of the artillery, Washington moved on with the troops to support the advance. After a speedy march of five miles, he came upon Lee in full retreat, without having made an effort to maintain his position.

9. The crisis required promptness of action. Stopping only long enough to administer a stern and even fierce rebuke to Lee, Washington turned to Ramsay, who commanded a

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*Questions.*—6. What is said of the quotas of the State? 7. When did the British evacuate Philadelphia? Where did it encamp? What did Washington determine to do? 8. What is said of General Lee? What did Washington do? 9. What further did he do and say?

Maryland battalion, and Col. Stewart, commanding a regiment, and called to each of them that he "was one of the officers he should rely upon to check the enemy that day."

10. The enemy now opened their artillery upon Ramsay and Stewart, who were soon sharply engaged with the infantry. Though compelled to fall back before superior numbers, the obstinate defence made by the Marylanders, gave Washington time to draw up his lines of battle.

11. As soon as the scale of victory began to turn, Washington ordered up Patterson's division and Smallwood's brigade to secure the day. The British were driven back. But night coming on, the battle had to be suspended, and in the morning it was found that the British had retreated.

12. In November, the Maryland line was marched to Middlebrook, New Jersey, where Washington had established his head-quarters.

13. In February, 1779, the British landed a body of troops in New Jersey, with the design of taking Elizabethtown. Smallwood,

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*Questions.*—10. Upon whom did the enemy open? What is said of the Marylanders? 11. What did Washington do? What further is said? 12. Where did the Maryland line now go? 13. What is said in this section?

with the Maryland line, and St. Clair; with the Pennsylvania division, were immediately ordered forward. The British, however, retreated without venturing a battle.

14. In July, the army was concentrated at West Point, New York. The Maryland line formed its right wing.

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## CHAPTER IX.

1779 AND 1781—*Maryland's Quota Large and always Full*  
—*Early Harvests*—*Arrival of French Fleet*—*Paper Money*—*Pensions to Troops*—*Depreciation of Currency*  
—*Confiscation*—*Tax*—*The Price of Liberty.*

1. Maryland had always kept its quota of troops full, and at one time its quota was one third more than any other State, except Delaware, according to proportions fixed by congress.

2. But it was not only for men that the State was looked to; its wheat, ripening before that of the other wheat-growing States, was always required for the first supplies of the army. It was also bought up by the north for the use of the States, in that section.

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*Questions.*—1. What of the Maryland quota? 2. What besides men was required from Maryland?

3. This gave rise to a commerce that had to be protected from the British fleet. Maryland was, therefore, obliged to keep up a marine force of her own. The fleet consisted of the ship *Defence* and several galleys, a sloop of war, and four barges.

4. The prize money, arising from captures made by these vessels, was distributed among the victorious crews, and was an incentive to exertion, which increased their usefulness.

5. The arrival of the French fleet, however, at a later period, rendered it unnecessary to maintain this force. The distressed condition of the finances rendered the reduction of the marine very desirable, as thereby the State was relieved of a great expense, and the men were employed as a portion of the State's quota for the campaign.

6. The expenses of the war increased so rapidly, that it was found impossible to keep up with them by taxation. To furnish money, therefore, to pay the troops and to supply the necessities of trade, the States resorted to the means with which this generation is so familiar, namely, of issuing bills of credit, or

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*Questions.* 3. What did this give rise to? What did State fleet consist of? 4. What is said of the prize money? 5. What is said of the arrival of the French fleet? What was done with the marines? 6. To what did the State resort to raise money?



paper money, which were made legal tender for the payment of debts.

7. The difference between the nominal value of this paper money, and specie, was so great that forty dollars in paper were worth only one dollar in gold, or silver. An officer having been dispatched to Baltimore to buy cloth for coats, after great difficulty bought fifteen yards for fifteen hundred pounds.

8. To ensure a just payment of the troops, the legislature of Maryland resolved that the officers of the Maryland line, who should serve to the close of the war, should be entitled to half-pay during life, to commence after the expiration of their pay from congress. This provision was also extended to their widows, during widowhood.

9. Thomas Johnson, having served three years as governor, was succeeded by Thomas Sim Lee. The depreciation of the currency, and the consequent high prices of provisions, compelled the legislature to enact very stringent laws against speculators, who bought up the necessities of life, in order to grow rich upon the distresses of the army.

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*Questions.*—7. What is said of the value of this paper money? 8. What did the legislature do? 9. Who succeeded Governor Johnson? What laws did the legislature pass?

10. It was also determined, as a matter of relief, to confiscate the estate of all those who had adhered to the royal cause. Their property was sold as that of British subjects, found within the State, and fair spoil of war. That injustice might not be done, an opportunity was allowed to the owners to come in and take the oath of allegiance to the State, prior to the first of March, 1782. This measure of confiscation, necessary as it was, was not passed without reluctance and serious opposition, but the tax was one hundred pounds of paper money for every hundred pounds worth of property, nominally the whole worth of their property, but as paper money was worth only one-fortieth, the real tax was two and a half per cent. on all property, amounting often to more than half of the owner's income.

11. This tax was endured the more cheerfully because it was part of the price of liberty, and men knew that no price was too dear for that blessing. It was not a tax to support a party or a power, nor was it a tax to pay the cost of conquest, but even with

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*Questions.*—10. What measure of relief was determined upon? What opportunity was given the disaffected? What rendered this act necessary? 11. What is said of the tax?

all these advantages in its favor, the currency was in effect repudiated, and the governor's salary had to be paid in wheat, at the rate of forty-five hundred bushels per year.

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## CHAPTER X.

THE CONFEDERATION—*Delay of Confederation—Difficulty of adjusting Public Lands—Clause secured by Virginia—Maryland Objects—Compromise proposed by New York—Sovereign States—Maryland's efforts in the Common Cause.*

1. Early in the revolutionary struggle, a plan was introduced into congress for the confederation of the colonies. The matter had to be deferred from time to time, to give way to the pressing needs of the army.

2. One source of difficulty was the adjustment of the question of the public lands. Maryland was determined not to relinquish her claim to a portion of them, and was the last to hold out. Virginia claimed the unsettled territory of the west; Maryland maintained that if the dominion of those lands should be established by the blood and treas-

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*Questions.*—11. How was the governor's salary paid? 1. What plan had been proposed in congress? 2. What was one source of difficulty? What position did Maryland take?

ure of the United States, such lands ought to be considered as common property.

3. Virginia had succeeded in securing, in the articles of confederation, a clause, "that no State should be deprived of her territory, for the benefit of the United States." Maryland would not give in her adherence while that clause existed.

4. The compromise proposed by New York was, that each State should limit its western boundary, and cede to congress its claim to lands beyond it, in the purpose of erecting new States hereafter, and for no other purpose whatever. This effected a settlement and the articles of confederation were signed on the first day of March, 1781.

5. This was the germ of the union. Each State preserved its separate and distinct sovereignty. The United States, being the creation of the States, could not be greater than the power that created it. It could only exercise *acts* of authority delegated to it. It was the agent to exercise the power belonging to the States.

6. Questions were to be decided not by the people at large, but by the States themselves,

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*Questions.*—3. What clause had Virginia secured? 4. What compromise was offered, and by whom? 5. What is said in this section? 6. How were questions to be decided?

a majority of them being required to carry a question.

7. The States agreed that congress, which represented them in their collective capacity, alone should exercise certain acts of sovereignty, such as declaring war, laying imposts, and coining money, which were essential for the common good.

8. Though Maryland had held aloof from the confederation, she had not relaxed her efforts in the common cause. At the very time when she was contending with Virginia for the rights of her State, her sons were fighting on the soil of her sister State for its defence, shedding their blood without stint upon every battle-field—the Maryland line and the Virginia regiments, side by side, bearing the brunt of the hard-fought southern campaigns. Her valor in the field, and her wisdom and firmness in the cabinet, have left their impress upon the country, however they may be ignored by partial writers of its history. Her valor in the field either determined the victory, or saved the army in many a hard fought struggle, and her firmness in the cabi-

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*Questions.*—7. What did the States agree to? 8. What is said of Maryland? What is said of her valor and firmness?

net gave rise to the formation of those States which this day constitute the pride and power of the republic—the great West.

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## CHAPTER XI.

*THE MARYLAND LINE SOUTH—Maryland Line sent to Reinforce the Southern Department—Passage through Maryland—Gates' Folly—Route marked by De Kalb—Changed by Gates—Battle at Camden—Dreadful Charge of the Marylanders—The whole British force brought against the Maryland Line—Virginia Militia.*

1. During the year 1779, the southern army had been unfortunate. Georgia and South Carolina were re-conquered by the enemy, and North Carolina was invaded.

2. In this critical state of affairs, it was resolved by congress that the Maryland and Delaware lines should be dispatched to reinforce that department.

3. In April, 1780, they were accordingly detached, under the command of Major-Gen'l De Kalb, and, after marching through New Jersey and Pennsylvania, embarked at the head of Elk river.

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*Questions.*—1. What is said in this section? 2. What did congress resolve? 3. Under whose command were they placed?

4. The first and second brigades passed through the State early in May. They numbered about two thousand men, and most of that gallant and veteran army looked for the last time upon their beloved State. Yet proudly conscious of their noble bearing, and the honor they had won for it, they cheerfully marched on to new fields of glory.

5. The south was calling for their aid, and these men, who had shewn their prowess at the north—some, sharers with Gist of the bloody day upon Long Island, some, who fought at Harlem Heights, White Plains, Fort Washington, and through five severe campaigns—were hastening thither to cross their bayonets with British steel again.

6. The legislature directed the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to each officer, and, to welcome their passage through the State, gratuities were distributed among the non-commissioned officers and privates.

7. On their march, they were overtaken and joined by Genl. Gates, who had been appointed to the command of the southern department.

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- Questions.*—4. What is said of their passage through the State?  
5. What is said in this section? 6. How were they welcomed?  
7. By whom were they joined?

8. The broken remains of the cavalry, which had served the preceding campaign, had been withdrawn to North Carolina to recruit. Its officers desired Gates to use his influence to fill his corps. He refused to do so, thinking he had a sufficient force for his purpose. He learned to regret his folly.

9. De Kalb had already selected a route for the army, somewhat circuitous, but through a fertile country, where provisions and supplies could be obtained. Gates changed the course to a more direct one, but through a barren and exhausted district.

10. The result was disastrous; the men were compelled to live on green corn and unripe fruit, producing sickness and death. The horses, destitute of forage, were unable to support the forced marches, and the whole army, when it approached the enemy, was broken down, and scarcely fit for service.

11. The first battle in which they were called to engage was at Camden. Lord Cornwallis, the leader of the British, and Genl. Gates, had formed the design of surprising

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*Questions.*—8. What is said of the cavalry? What did the officers desire? 9. What had DeKalb done? What did Gates do? 10. What was the result? 11. What was the first battle they were called upon to engage in?



each other, and the advance parties of each met at half-past two o'clock in the morning.

12. After some skirmishing, as if by mutual consent, both armies ceased their fire, and drawing back awaited the dawning of day. The artillery opened on both sides at day-break. To teach the Virginia militia to stand the fire of the enemy, Col. Otho H. Williams, of Maryland, with a party of volunteers, moved in their front against the British artillery, to draw and sustain their fire. Cornwallis immediately threw forward his veteran corps. The Virginia militia, scarcely waiting to deliver one fire, threw down their arms and fled. One regiment of North Carolina militia followed their shameful example. Another North Carolina regiment, however, cheered by the firm bearing of the Marylanders, maintained its ground.

13. At the moment the left wing broke, Cornwallis elated with success, ordered a charge to be made on the right. But Gist's brigade was immovable. For a while the terrific struggle seemed of doubtful issue—"bold was the pressure of the foe," exclaims an eye witness, "firm as a rock the resistance

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*Questions.*—12. When did the battle commence? What did Col. Williams do? What did Cornwallis? What, the Virginia militia? Who followed? 13. What is said in this section?

of Gist—now the Marylanders were gaining ground.”

14. The gallant Howard, at the head of Williams' regiment, impetuously broke upon the enemy, and drove the opposing corps before him. At this moment, Webster, second in command of the enemy, brought his veteran guards upon their flank. They were instantly met by the second Maryland brigade under Smallwood.

15. Finding his flank once more protected, and his Marylanders bearing up with unflinching valor, the brave De Kalb, although outnumbered two to one, resolved to make one great and final effort with the bayonet.—Dreadful was the charge. The two lines seemed mingled with each other, the weaker going down before the stronger. The veteran troops of Cornwallis were beginning to give way, a single corps of cavalry would have completed the victory. The folly of Gates in refusing to recruit that arm of the service, when entreated to do so, rendered this impossible.

16. The advance movement left Smallwood's brigade exposed on the flank, which

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*Questions.*—14. What is said of Howard? Of Webster? Who met him? 15. Describe the charge of the Marylanders? What rendered their charge useless? 16. How were the Marylanders left?

was immediately attacked by the enemy.— But Gist and De Kalb continued to maintain their ground. Cornwallis alarmed at the unexpected resistance of the Maryland line, and having before experienced its desperate valor with the bayonet, now brought his whole force upon it. The whole British army was poured upon these two devoted brigades.

17. Eight hundred men stood their ground unsupported, and surrounded by more than two thousand British regulars, but fighting on with unflinching hearts. The cavalry was suddenly thrown upon their front and rear; the inequality was too great. These gallant men were compelled to fly.

18. The loss was severe. De Kalb was slain. The North Carolinians lost four hundred men taken prisoners, sixty killed and wounded. But the Maryland line and the Delaware regiment suffered most. The Virginia militia, to the regret of all, escaped with the loss of only three men.

19. The thanks of congress were voted to Gist and Smallwood for their exemplary skill and bravery on this disastrous day. Lieut.

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*Questions.*—18. What did Cornwallis have to do? 17. What is said in this section? 18. What is said of the loss? What of the Virginia militia? 19. What did congress do?

Col. Williams, was everywhere in the heat of the battle, and Lieut. Col. Howard gave proofs of that cool and daring courage, which distinguished him as one of the first and bravest of Maryland's sons.

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## CHAPTER XII.

THE BATTLE OF COWPENS—*Recruiting—Consolidation of the Line—Col. Williams—Genl. Morgan Retreats before Tarleton—Makes a Stand—Marylanders Sustain the Battle—Victory—Col. Howard.*

1. Smallwood and Gist remained at Charlotte with about one hundred and fifty officers and men to rally their scattered soldiers. By certain cool and skilful measures Smallwood succeeded, in about ten days, in collecting upwards of seven hundred non-commissioned officers and men, which number was increased by the recapture of a hundred and fifty continental prisoners taken at Camden. They were recaptured by Marion, on their way, under escort, to Charleston.

2. The seven Maryland regiments of the old line, were reduced into one, to be called

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*Questions.*—19. What is said of Williams and Howard? 1. What did Smallwood and Gist now do? How many did they collect? 2. How were the regiments of the Maryland line reduced?

the first Maryland, and placed under Colonel Otho H. Williams. The officers who thus lost their commands were ordered back to Maryland to take charge of recruiting stations. General Smallwood was retained in the army. General Gates was superseded by General Greene.

3. Smallwood's detachment was drawn into the main army; and a chosen body of troops, four hundred of whom were of the old Maryland line, under Colonel Howard, was placed under the command of Morgan, to operate on the western quarter.

4. Cornwallis, learning the movements of the American forces, determined to strike a blow at Morgan, before he could be joined by the hardy mountaineers of the west.

5. He dispatched about one thousand men under Lieut. Col. Tarleton, to pursue him, while he, himself, put the main body in motion to cut off his retreat, if he should escape that active officer.

6. Morgan retreated with reluctance, although he was compelled to do so by the advance of Cornwallis, parallel to his route.

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*Questions.*—2. Under whom was the regiment placed? 3. What was done with Smallwood's detachment? What, with Howard's? 4. What is said of Cornwallis? 5. Whom did he dispatch? 6. What did Morgan do?

Having at length gained sufficient time to risk an action with Tarleton, and having been joined by Gen'l Pickens with a body of five hundred militia, he determined to await the coming of the enemy.

7. The ground was open and favorable to Tarleton, whose cavalry outnumbered that of Morgan three to one. As the enemy advanced, Morgan addressed his men; he directed the militia to deliver but two or three volleys, and then to retire and form behind the main line. He reminded the Marylanders of their past glory, and that victory was largely dependent upon them.

8. Tarleton advanced rapidly. The skirmishers delivered their fire, and fell back. The British pressed with loud shouts, upon the first line, which, undismayed, poured in a close and destructive fire. The enemy continued to advance with the bayonet, and the militia having only rifles retired in haste.

9. Believing the victory in their grasp, the enemy charged upon the continentals. They were met with unshaken firmness.—

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- Questions.*—6. When did he determine to venture a battle?  
7. What is said in this section? 8. What is said in this section?  
9. How was the charge of the enemy met?

The conflict was desperate, and for a time seemed doubtful, but the unconquerable spirit of the Marylanders at length prevailed, and the enemy began to falter. Being reinforced by the reserves, they again advanced.

10. Howard ordered his flank company to change front, but mistaking the order it fell back, upon which the line commenced to retire. Morgan directed it to retreat towards the cavalry and assume a new position.

11. The British, thinking this movement was precursor of a flight, rushed forward with impetuosity and in disorder, to complete the triumph. Howard had not yet reached the position marked out by Morgan, but perceiving their condition, he suddenly faced about, and poured in upon the astonished enemy a close and murderous fire, and then cheering his men, broke in upon them with the bayonet.

12. The charge was terrible and decisive; and the day was won. The slaughter of Camden was repaid; the whole British infantry was killed or taken. The cavalry had pursued the retreating militia to their

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*Questions.*—10. What is said in this section? 11. What did the British think? What did Howard do? 12. What is said of the charge? What further is said?

horses, and had begun to sabre them when Col. Washington charged upon them, and drove them before him.

13. Never was a more complete or more glorious victory. The force of Morgan did not much exceed eight hundred men—only half of whom were regulars—and only eighty cavalry—while that of Tarleton reached a thousand, comprising three hundred and fifty cavalry. This force was entirely destroyed.

14. "The weight of the battle fell upon Howard, who sustained himself admirably in those trying circumstances, and seized with decision the critical moment to complete with the bayonet the advantage gained by his fire." Yet he had won the battle without orders; and after he had swept the field by his glorious charge, Morgan rode up to him and said severely: "You have done well—for you are successful—had you failed, I would have shot you."

15. At one moment, Howard held in his hands the swords of seven British officers, who had surrendered to him. Congress awarded him a silver medal.

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*Questions.*—13. What was the force of Morgan? What was Tarleton's? 14. Who deserves the credit of the victory? What did Morgan say? 15. How many British officers surrendered to Howard?



## CHAPTER XIII.

BATTLE OF GUILFORD COURT HOUSE—*Greene's Retreat*—*Williams Covers the Retreat*—*Battle*—*Cornwallis' Desperate Resort*—*George Fox's Remark*—*Americans gain Possession of Strongholds*—*Unsuccessful Attack on Ninety-Six.*

1. Greene not finding himself strong enough to compete with Cornwallis, who had been reinforced, commenced his retreat from the Yadkin to the Dan. This retreat was remarkable for its masterly manœuvres, its rapid marches and severe duty. At times the two armies were within musket shot of each other.

2. Had Williams' corps, which was in the rear, become involved with the advance of the enemy, the strength of the army might have been destroyed, and Greene, no longer covered with light troops, would have fallen an easy victim to Cornwallis.

3. The burden of the retreat, therefore, fell upon Williams, and nobly did he bear it.—Scarcely a single man was killed or captured, in the face of an active, energetic and supe-

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*Questions.*—1. What was Greene compelled to do? What was this retreat remarkable for? 2. What would have been the result of conflict? 3. Upon whom did the burden of the retreat fall?

rior enemy, whose van for days was constantly in sight of the retiring rear.

4. Having crossed the Dan, Greene rested his army and recruited. Being reinforced, he thought he could venture an engagement with Cornwallis, which he did in the battle of Guilford Court House, on the 18th of February, 1781. In this fight the first Maryland regiment checked the left wing of the enemy, but the second, which had just been raised, fled.

5. The battalion of guards, which had turned the second Maryland, was now attacked by Colonel Howard. Like a torrent the old Maryland regiment broke through their ranks, driving them headlong from the field with terrific slaughter.

6. To save his favorite corps from utter annihilation, and to arrest the progress of the pursuers, Cornwallis was compelled to open his artillery upon them, although every discharge swept through his own men. The Maryland brigade lost in this fight, one hundred and fifty-four officers and men. The British General lost nearly one-third of his men.

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*Questions.*—4. Where did Greene rest and recruit? What battle did he venture? 5. Describe the charge of Howard's battalion? 6. What was Cornwallis compelled to do?

7. The enemy remained masters of the field, but the victory was almost as destructive to Cornwallis as a defeat. Charles Fox, in the British House of Commons, said of it, "another such victory will ruin the British army."

8. Six days afterward, February 25th, Greene was surprised at Hobkirk's hill.—The first Maryland regiment, worn down by sufferings, emaciated from the scantiness of their food, and brought suddenly to a charge when only half-formed, was seized with panic and fled. They rallied, but too late to retrieve the day.

9. Notwithstanding the defeat at Guilford Court House, the Americans succeeded in gaining possession of all the strongholds in the south, with the exception of Charleston, and Ninety-Six. This latter post Greene now hastened to invest.

10. Learning that Lord Rawdon was approaching at the head of two thousand men to relieve Ninety-Six, Greene determined to attempt it by assault. The resistance was desperate and successful, and Greene was forced to retire.

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*Questions.*—7. What is said of victory? What did Charles Fox say in parliament? 8. What is said of Hobkirk's Hill? 9. What did the Americans succeed in gaining? 10. What is said of Ninety-Six.

## CHAPTER XIV.

BATTLE OF EUTAW SPRINGS—*Disposition of the Troops—Maryland Line charges the Buffs—Desperate Struggle—Marylanders Complimented on the Field—State Threatened with Invasion—La Fayette in Baltimore—Defence of the Bay—Washington's Design—Washington at Annapolis.*

1. On the 21st of August, Greene broke up his encampment, and hastened to the south to seek the enemy now under the command of Lieut. Col. Stewart. He overtook them at Eutaw Springs.

2. Greene advanced in two lines—the militia in front, the continentals in the rear. The Maryland brigade under Col. Williams, seconded by Lieut. Col. Howard, was on the left wing.

3. The militia advanced with spirit, and opened a heavy fire upon the enemy, which was soon briskly returned; but they maintained their ground until the British troops pressed close upon them.

4. The North Carolina troops were immediately ordered up to cover their retreat and

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*Questions.*—1. When did Greene return south? Where did he overtake the enemy? 2. What was the position of the troops? 3. What is said of the militia? 4. What of the North Carolina militia?

check the advance of the enemy. This corps consisting of newly raised regiments never before in action, pushed forward in good style and the conflict became warmer.

5. Greene now brought up the Maryland and Virginia lines, which advanced with a shout, and poured in a destructive fire upon the enemy. Stewart called up his reserve; the North Carolinians began to fall back, when Greene ordered the Marylanders and Virginians to charge with the bayonet.

6. At trailed arms, cheering vehemently, these two gallant brigades, led on by Williams, Howard and Campbell, rushed upon the enemy heedless of the close and deadly fire, which was repeatedly poured in upon them, as they advanced at a rapid pace. The shock was terrible.

7. Howard's regiment was received by the Buffs, an Irish corps, which had just joined the army; and here the fiercest struggle ensued. Neither would yield; but, crossing bayonets their ranks mingled together, opposing files sank down, each pierced with the bayonet of his antagonist.

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*Questions.*—5. Whom did Greene now bring forward? 6. Describe the charge? 7. By whom was Howard's regiment received?

8. Thus they were found, grappled in death and transfixed together upon the field of the slain, marking the spot where the Marylanders and Buffs had met in deadly conflict. The officers fought hand to hand. So bloody a strife could not continue long. The rest of the British line gave way, and the gallant Buffs, unable to maintain the conflict with the veteran Marylanders, broke and fled.—Greene rode up and complimented the Marylanders and their commander in the midst of the action.

9. The victory was complete, and the British were compelled to retreat. Having obtained an unassailable position, the pursuers were recalled, bringing with them three hundred prisoners and two cannon, one of which was captured by Lieut. Duval, of the Maryland line.

10. Greene attributed his success to the free use of the bayonet by the Maryland and Virginia troops. The thanks of congress were voted to each of the corps engaged.

11. The spirit of the hostile army was broken, and the royal supremacy in the south

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*Questions.*—8. What is said of this struggle? Who gave way? What did Greene do? 9. What is said of the victory? 10. To what did Greene attribute the victory? 11. What is said of the hostile army?

may be said to have terminated, overturned in a great part by the bayonets of Maryland.

12. Whilst the Maryland line was thus gloriously occupied in the south, its native State seemed, for a time, threatened with invasion. Arnold, the Traitor, had been detached to Virginia, at the head of an active body of British troops. Cornwallis hastened into Virginia, and forming a junction with the forces there, took the command of the whole upon himself.

13. La Fayette was at once dispatched by General Washington to Virginia, with a small force to make head against Cornwallis. He passed through Maryland on his way, and was hospitably received by the merchants of Baltimore.

14. Being invited to a ball, he was there observed to be grave and sad. On being questioned by the ladies, as to the cause of his gloom, he replied, he could not enjoy the gayety of the scene, whilst his poor soldiers were without shirts, and destitute of the necessities of a campaign. "We will supply them," exclaimed these patriotic women.

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*Questions.*—12. What invasion threatened Maryland? 13. Who was despatched to make head against Cornwallis? 14. What anecdote is related of La Fayette?

15. The pleasures of the ball-room were exchanged for the labors of the needle, and on the next day they assembled in great numbers to make up clothing for the soldiers. The husbands and fathers furnished the materials. The distresses of his corps were relieved. The history of this city during the last few years has proved that the women of the present day, whose kind hearts and fair hands have contributed to alleviate the wants of the suffering, are worthy descendants of those noble women of the revolution.

16. Great efforts were made to organize a force to repel an invasion, which the open condition of the bay might invite. The glory of the southern battles had re-awakened the spirit of the people of Maryland, and the measures proposed were promptly carried out. Provision was made for the defence of the bay, and several severe actions took place with the straggling cruisers of the enemy. A regiment was ordered to join La Fayette in Virginia.

17. Washington, having formed the design of destroying Cornwallis, was now anxious to concentrate as strong a force as possible

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*Questions.*—15. What was done the next day? 16. What is said of the defence of the bay? 17. What design had Washington formed?



in that quarter, while the French fleet seized the mouth of the bay to cut off the retreat of the enemy.

18. On the 8th of September, Washington passed through Baltimore, where he was received with every mark of respect. An address was presented to him on behalf of the people, and the city was illuminated.

19. On the 19th of October, 1781, Cornwallis surrendered with his whole force of seven thousand men. In this hard contested siege, a portion of the Maryland troops was engaged, maintaining the honor of the State and the fame of the old Maryland line.

20. In a letter to Governor Lee, of Maryland, Washington says, "my present engagements will not allow me to add more than my congratulations on this happy event, and to express the high sense I have of the powerful aid which I have derived from the State of Maryland."

21. On Washington's passing through Annapolis, to join the army in the north, that venerable city was crowded to overflowing

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*Questions.*—17. What was done in order to carry out this plan? 18. When did Washington pass through Baltimore? 19. When did Cornwallis surrender? 20. What does Washington, in his letter to Governor Lee, say? 21. What is said of Washington's passage through Annapolis?

with happy spectators, and presented one constant scene of enthusiastic rejoicing.

22. Maryland had the honor of first "saluting him as the PATRIOT, the HERO, and the SAVIOUR OF HIS COUNTRY." She had been the first to propose him for that station which resulted in liberty to his country, and in the admiration of all posterity to himself. She was the first to announce to him the gratitude of the nation, and to confer upon him those titles which were to render his name universal and immortal.

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## CHAPTER XV.

THE CLOSE OF THE REVOLUTION—*New Paper Issues—Tory Conspiracy—Plot Exposed—Execution of Leaders—Success or Failure—Commissioners from England—Spirited Resolution of Maryland Legislature—Close of the War.*

1. The legislature had made every effort to prepare for the campaign of 1781. Knowing the impossibility of meeting the necessary expenses by means of the usual paper money, they determined to have recourse to the patriotism of the wealthier citizens.

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*Questions.*—22. How did Maryland salute him? 1. What is said of the legislature?

2. There was a large amount of confiscated land unsold, that had belonged to British subjects. The legislature determined to issue two hundred thousand pounds in notes, secured by these confiscated lands, which were pledged to the amount of four hundred thousand pounds.

3. The wealthy and patriotic planters and merchants agreed to take at their par, or nominal value, such amounts as they subscribed for. As the security was sufficient, nearly the whole amount was subscribed. For a time the scheme was successful, but such was the want of confidence in paper money of any kind, that in three months, even these bills had depreciated to less than half their nominal value.

4. An extensive alarm was created by the discovery of a conspiracy to excite an insurrection of the disaffected within the State.

5. At the opening of the campaign of 1781, a design was formed of invading the western frontier from Canada. A body of British troops was to strike at Fort Pitt, and Col. Conolly, already once baffled in his designs

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*Questions.*—2. How did the legislature proceed to raise money?  
3. Did the plan succeed? Did the paper money retain its value?  
4. What alarm was excited? 5. What design was formed?

in Maryland, was to assemble a tory force to co-operate with him.

6. Large numbers had been enrolled in Frederick county, when the conspiracy was discovered at Frederick. It is said that a British officer in disguise was to meet a messenger of the traitors at a designated place, and put into his hands papers containing every information concerning its progress.

7. The British officer was deterred from attending at the appointed place, and the papers fell into the hands of an American officer, who by a singular coincidence was at that moment standing where the tory expected to meet his correspondent.

8. The plot and the names of the leaders were at once exposed, and efficient measures were instantly taken. The leaders were taken and convicted. Seven were brought to trial before a commission presided over by Judge Hanson, found guilty and sentenced to death.

9. Three of their number were executed in the Court-house yard of Frederick. They persisted, to the last, that they were only guilty of doing their duty as lawful subjects

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*Questions.*—6 & 7. How was the conspiracy discovered? 8. What was done with the leaders of the plot? 9. How many were executed? What did they insist upon to the last?

of the King of England, and asserted that their judges were more truly deserving the name of rebels and traitors.

10. Had the result of the revolution been different, a different name would have been given to their fate—which they met with firmness; for whilst one side stigmatized them as traitors, the other mourned over them, and honored them as true and loyal martyrs. Success makes a revolution glorious, the want of it leaves the reproach of disgrace upon the unfortunate. Without success the patriots of the Maryland line would have been called traitors and rebels to this day, and the name of tory, now a reproach, would be proudly assumed as a token of loyalty.

11. As soon as the arrival of commissioners from Great Britain, with power to make either peace or war with the revolted colonies, was announced, the Maryland legislature unanimously resolved, that “though peace with Great Britain and all the world, was an object truly desirable, war with all its calamities was preferable to national dishonor. That this State could never consent

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*Questions.*—10. What is said in this section? 11. What did the Maryland legislature resolve?

to treat with Great Britain, except upon the footing of an equal, and would never enter into any treaty with that power, which would sully its own honor or violate its obligations to France, its great and good ally.

12. The bay-shores were still infested by armed galleys and barges, manned by tories and refugees, who plundered and sometimes murdered the inhabitants. The legislature determined to re-establish the marine, and by its rigorous measures the commerce of the bay was relieved, and the inhabitants of its shores were protected.

13. The war was now at an end. Throughout the whole contest Maryland had been distinguished for its zeal in support of the common cause. She had furnished during the war, to the Continental army, fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-nine men, besides those enlisted in the independent corps, the State companies, the marine and naval force, and five thousand four hundred and seven militia.

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*Questions.*—12. What is said of the bay-shores? 13. What of the war? What, of Maryland, during the war?

## CHAPTER XVI.

THE MARYLAND LINE—*Their Sufferings—The First to use the Bayonet—Their Battles—Their Losses.*

1. No troops in the Continental army had rendered better service, endured more fatigue or won greater glory than the Maryland line. In proportion to their number, no body of men suffered more severely.

2. They were the first to use the bayonet against the experienced regulars of the enemy, and that in the earliest battle—and throughout the succeeding struggles of the war, they were most often called on to lead with that bloody weapon into the ranks of the foe. She seldom shrank from the encounter.

3. At Long Island, a fragment of a battalion shook, with repeated charges, a whole brigade of British regulars. At White Plains, they held the advance columns at bay. At Harlem Heights, they drove the enemy from the ground. At Germantown, they swept through the hostile camp, with their fixed bayonets, far in advance of the whole army.

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*Questions.*—1. What is said of the Maryland line? 2. What were they the first to do? 3. Mention the several battles in which they distinguished themselves?

At Cowpens, and at Eutaw, their ranks with unloaded muskets bore down all opposition. At Guilford, and at Camden, though the victory was not theirs, they fought with a courage that won the admiration and surprise of the enemy, and brought from Fox, in the House of Commons, the exclamation: "one more such victory and the British army is ruined." Everywhere they used the bayonet with terrible effect.

4. Entering into the war two strong battalions, they were soon reduced to a single company. Again swelled up to seven regiments, they were again thinned by their losses to a single regiment, and before the campaign was well passed, they were once more recruited to four full battalions of more than two thousand men.

5. Two of their Colonels, Williams and Howard, were considered the best officers of their grade in the army. Granby, Hall, Smith, Stone, Ramsey and Ford, were equal to any others in the whole continental service.

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*Questions.*—4. What is said of their losses? 5. What of their officers?



## CHAPTER XVII.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT—*Annapolis Offered—Action of Congress—Washington determines to Resign—Reception at Annapolis—Resignation.*

1. It was now an interesting question, where the seat of national government should be placed. The central position of Maryland drew attention in this quarter, and the corporation of Annapolis addressed a memorial to the legislature in 1783, offering the city to the general government.

2. The legislature, therefore, offered to the government the use and possession of the State House for their sessions. Other inducements were offered to make Annapolis the permanent seat of government. Congress determined to fix the capital in Maryland, yet deemed it more prudent to select some other place than that already occupied by the State legislature.

3. They resolved to select a point upon the Potomac, near Georgetown, but for the present accepted the accommodations tendered them by the State. They, therefore,

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*Questions.*—1. What was now a question? What is said of the position of Maryland? 2. What did congress determine? 3. What did the legislature do?

adjourned from Princeton to Annapolis. The legislature welcomed them with great cordiality, gave up one of their halls for their use, and Governor Paca surrendered the government house to their president.

4. General Washington had already notified the several States of his intention to resign his commission, and retire to private life. He now hastened to Annapolis, where he arrived on the 17th of December, to consummate his purpose.

5. He was met a few miles from the city, by Generals Gates and Smallwood, with the most distinguished citizens of Maryland. He was greeted with enthusiasm by the people. Every one vied in doing him honor.

6. At twelve o'clock, on the 23d of December, the gallery, and a great part of the floor of the hall of congress, were filled with ladies, with public functionaries of the State, and with general officers. The members of congress were seated and covered, as representatives of the sovereignty of the union. The gentlemen present were standing uncovered.

7. After a decorous silence of a few minutes, Washington rose, and in a dignified and

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*Questions.*—4. What is said of Washington? 5. How was he received? 6. Describe the scene in the State House? 7. What did Washington do?

impressive manner, delivered a short address. When he had concluded he placed into the hands of the President that great commission, under which he had achieved the liberty and independence of America, "commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God, and those who have the superintendence of them, to his holy keeping."

8. The editor of the Maryland Gazette, who was present, says: "few tragedies ever drew so many tears from so many beautiful eyes, as the moving manner in which his Excellency took his final leave of congress."

9. Then calmly, as if he had not just resigned the highest place in his country's gift, and broken the sword of his own power for its lasting good, that great man retired from that hall which had thus been consecrated forever by this noble scene.

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*Questions.*—7. What did he say? 8. What is said by an eye-witness? 9. Repeat this section?

## CHAPTER XVIII.

1783-1789—DEBT—*Public Improvement—Susquehanna Canal—Potomac Company—Population of Baltimore—Colleges—Constitution of the United States Adopted.*

1. The great difficulty the country now had to contend with was the debt incurred both by the general government and the several states. The treasury was empty and credit was gone. So great was the scarcity of money that taxes had to be paid, to a great extent, in merchandise, or, as it is called, in kind.

2. Maryland was the most prompt of the States to take efficient measures to raise money and restore her credit; and looking forward to her future growth, she laid the foundations of those public works which have contributed so materially to her subsequent prosperity.

3. "The Proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal" were incorporated in 1784. The object of this company was to construct a canal from the Pennsylvania line, along the Susquehanna to tide-water. This canal is still in use.

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*Questions.*—1. What great difficulty had the country to contend with? How had taxes to be raised? 2. What is said of Maryland? 3. What company was incorporated?

4. In the same year, the Potomac Company was organized. The object of this organization was, "the opening and extending of the navigation of the Potomac." The idea originated with the greatest men of the day, and General Washington took great interest in it. It would open a highway for the already increasing travel from the Atlantic to the west.

5. The Potomac Company was subsequently merged in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the designs for rendering the river navigable were abandoned, and other plans adopted.

6. The removal of the dangers and impediments which had obstructed commerce during the war, gave the city of Baltimore a new impulse. In 1782 it only numbered eight thousand inhabitants, but from that time it has moved on with rapidity and power, and is now regarded as one of the most prosperous cities in the Union.

7. As early as 1782, Washington College, at Chestertown, on the Eastern Shore, was incorporated. In 1784, St. John's College at Annapolis was instituted. These two col-

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*Questions.*—4. What other company? 5. Into what was the Potomac company subsequently merged? 6. What gave Baltimore a new impetus? How many inhabitants had it in 1782? 7. What college was established in 1782? In 1784?

leges, at which many of the principal men of the State have been educated, were in 1805 united under the name of the University of Maryland.

8. On the expiration of the term for which William Paca was eligible, in 1785, Major General Smallwood was elected governor. Though he was honored by the people of Maryland with the highest office in their gift, yet, his memory seems nearly forgotten. He sleeps in a lonely grave, on his paternal estate, now in the hands of strangers. He who won so much glory for Maryland lies unhonored, without a stone to mark the spot, or an enclosure to protect his last resting place from desecration.

9. During the administration of Smallwood the Constitution of the United was adopted. It was acceded to by Maryland on the 28th of April, 1788, by a vote of sixty-three to eleven.

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*Questions.*—8. Who was elected governor in 1785? What is said of him? 9. What important step was taken during his administration?

## CHAPTER XIX.

THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION—*Needs of the Country—Convention Proposed—Disputes—The Constitution a Compromise—Capital—District of Columbia—Property Qualifications for Voting Removed—The Ballot substituted for vivá voce.*

1. The old articles of confederation were found not adapted to the wants of the country in its new condition. There was need of a more centralized power, by which the States could be brought into closer union, and the general government could act more efficiently for the general good.

2. A convention of all the States, to devise some means to give stability to the confederation, having been proposed, the legislature of Maryland elected five delegates to represent the State.

3. The convention met at Philadelphia, and agreed upon the present constitution and form of government of the United States, which was laid before Congress. That body immediately directed that copies should be trans-

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*Questions.*—1. What is said of the confederation? What did the country need? 2. What was proposed? 3. Where did the convention meet? What did the convention present to congress? What was the action of congress?

mitted to the several legislatures to be submitted to a convention of delegates, chosen in each State by the people.

4. The condition of the country was such, that every one acknowledged the necessity of immediate change. But there were two parties; one was desirous of strengthening State authority, fearing that too great centralization of power would ultimately destroy State independence and popular liberty itself, by leaving minorities entirely at the mercy of majorities; the other hoped to derive from an efficient general government, unity and stability, which would ensure prosperity at home, and respect abroad.

5. The constitution was a happy compromise. The popular majorities were represented in the House of Representatives, and State sovereignty was represented in the Senate. This protected the weak from the strong. It is the remark of an ancient philosopher, and history confirms the truth of it, that "the weak always desire what is equal and just; but the powerful pay no regard to it."

6. The immense popular majorities of a large State, regarding only their own interests, could control legislation to the disadvan-

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*Questions.*—4. What two parties were there in the country?  
5. What is said of the constitution? How? 6. Explain further?



tage of the smaller States; but in the Senate the smallest State is equal to the largest.— Hence, under ordinary circumstances, the necessities of concurrent majorities would prevent unjust legislation, and the strong would be compelled to listen to the weak, and respect their rights.

7. This most admirably contrived compromise and compact called the constitution, was ratified by the Maryland convention. A certificate of their ratification was signed by the members, on the 28th of April, 1788.

8. On the 2d of July, 1788, the ratification of the constitution by nine States, was laid before the old Congress, then still in session, and preparations were immediately made to carry it into effect. The States were directed to appoint their electors to cast their votes for president and vice-president. The vote of Maryland was cast for Washington for president, and Robert Hanson Harrison for vice-president.

9. The general government had not yet adopted any permanent capital. After having hesitated between the Potomac and the

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*Questions.*—7. When did Maryland ratify the constitution? 8. When was the ratification laid before congress? Who was the first president? 9. Had the capital been adopted yet? .

Delaware, Congress concluded to accept the proposition of Maryland, and the Potomac was selected.

10. Commissioners were appointed in 1790; the district was laid out on both sides of the Potomac, embracing nearly equal portions of Virginia\* and Maryland, including Georgetown and Alexandria, and called the "Territory of Columbia." The new city, whose site was selected for the Federal Metropolis, was named Washington.

11. On the 18th of September, 1793, the corner stone of the north wing of the capitol was laid by Washington in person. †

12. Prior to 1801, no person was allowed to vote unless he possessed a certain amount of property. † It was thought necessary that there should be a property qualification in voters, in order to give them a personal interest in the management of public affairs. ↘

13. The first States to break through this custom were Vermont and Maryland. † In Maryland there was great opposition at first

\* The Virginia portion was afterwards ceded back to that State.

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*Questions.*—10. When were commissioners appointed? What site was selected? 11. When and by whom was the corner stone of the capitol laid? 12. What was necessary prior to 1801? 13. What States were the first to break through this custom?

to the extension of the right of suffrage, on the part of the senate. But it was contended that property was not the only interest at stake in the community, or to be effected by its government and legislation. The rights of life, liberty and character, are to be regarded as paramount to those of mere property.

14. It is not always the property holders who have interest enough in the general welfare, in the hour of danger to the commonwealth, to stake their lives or liberty in its defence. But being powerful in the State, by reason of their wealth, the danger is that they will use that power for their own aggrandizement, indifferent to the rights, or even the sufferings of the masses, who alone can protect them in their wealth.

15. Hence the people of Maryland insisted that the power of wealth, in producing class legislation, should be checked by the power of numbers, every one of whom had life, liberty and character at stake, and they succeeded in passing a law giving the right of suffrage to every free white male citizen,

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*Questions.*—13. What was contended in favor of enlarged suffrage? 14. What is said of property holders? 15. What did the people of Maryland insist upon?

twenty-one years of age, who had resided twelve months in the State, and six in the county prior to the election.

16. The ballot and the ballot-box were also substituted for *vivâ voce* vote. In 1809, all clauses of the State constitution requiring property qualifications for office holders, were repealed.

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## CHAPTER XX.

1812—WAR WITH ENGLAND—*Declaration of War—Two Parties—The Position of New England—Of Maryland—Riot in Baltimore—Hartford Convention—Admiral Cockburn—His Deeds—Defence of Havre de Grace.*

1. Difficulties arising from the jealousy of England and her haughty spirit, leading to an interference with the commerce of America, and an infringement on her rights as a nation, at last resulted in a declaration of war. This was made by the United States, on the 11th of June, 1812.

2. There were two political parties in the country, known as the Federal and Democratic. The former, as its name implies, favored a strong central government, the

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*Questions.*—16. What method of voting was introduced? 1. What led to difficulties with England? When was war declared? 2. What two political parties?;

latter adopted the theory of State-rights.—  
The Federal party opposed the war.

3. The New England States at first were quite eager for it, because the measures adopted to prevent so great a calamity, interfered with their commerce. They looked upon war as a remedy for the evil, but finding the remedy worse to them than the evil, they were thenceforth bitterly opposed to war, as both wicked and expensive.

4. Maryland, and the agricultural States generally, thinking the honor of the republic, as well as its commerce were at stake, favored active hostilities. The legislature of Maryland voted an address to the President of the United States, declaring they were ready to submit to all the hardships and dangers of war, rather than permit outrage upon the honor of the country to pass unpunished.

5. The "Federal Republican," a newspaper published in Baltimore, made such a violent attack upon the administration and the war measures, that a riot was the result; the office of the paper was torn down, and one person was killed.

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*Questions.*—3. What is said of the New England States? 4. What of Maryland? 5. In what lawless manner did the people of Maryland shew their zeal?

6. In New England, on the other hand, where the Federalists were in the majority, opposition to the war was popular. The Massachusetts legislature proposed to call a convention of delegates from the several States of New England, to meet and enquire what ought to be done. This was called the Hartford Convention.

7. It is claimed by the New England historians that the objects of this convention were patriotic, and that "as the mists of passion fade away this becomes more apparent." Whether so, or not, it is certain the convention was considering the propriety of withdrawing New England from the Union, for, in its journal it says, "whenever it shall appear that these causes of our calamities are radical and permanent, a separation by equitable arrangement will be preferable to an alliance by constraint, among nominal friends, but real enemies." The somewhat unexpected close of the war prevented further action.

8. With these elements of internal discord the United States went into the war.

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*Questions.*—6. How did New England shew its hostility? 7. What is claimed by the New England historians? What is certain? 8. What effect had these dissensions on the war?

Whether owing to this want of unanimity on the part of the people, or of skill on the part of the officers, the first year of the war was one of misfortune.

9. Maryland bore part in the deeds of the war only through her privateers. Her soldiers and sailors were distributed throughout the Federal army, and were not, as formerly, distinguished in a separate corps.

10. In 1813, Admiral Cockburn made his appearance in the Chesapeake Bay, with four ships of the line and six frigates. He immediately began his operations against the property and persons of unarmed citizens. Women and children did not escape the cruelty of the invaders.

11. It has been customary to speak of Cockburn as a "brute," and of his acts as "disgraceful outrages," as "reflecting little credit on the British character," as presenting England in the light of "a foe that paid little regard either to the law of nations or to that of honor."

12. But if fifty years later, when civilization and christianity may be supposed to have made some advance, it is considered a

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*Questions.*—9. How did Maryland bear her part? 10. What is said of Cockburn? 11. How have his acts been regarded? 12. What is said in this section?

part of the lawful strategy of war, to burn churches and colleges, and private dwellings; to burn barns, and meat houses, and agricultural implements, that "even crows should starve in flying over the territory of the enemy," certainly, he, who in 1813-14, regarded not the tender years of childhood, nor the weakness of women, who illuminated the bay shores with incendiary fires of peaceful hamlets, should not be too harshly dealt with by those who praise the heroes of 1863-64. If the American raiders of 1863-64 were engaged in lawful acts of war, Cockburn cannot be condemned. If Cockburn is condemned, every word of reproach is one of self condemnation.

13. Among the places that suffered by this famous or infamous admiral, were Frenchtown, Havre-de-Grace, Fredericktown (on the Eastern Shore,) and Georgetown, which were taken, plundered and burned.

14. In the attack on Havre-de-Grace, a gallant defence was made by an Irishman, named O'Neale, who manned a battery himself, and kept up a fire on the approaching enemy, until he was disabled by a wound in the leg,

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*Questions.*—13. What places suffered? 14. Who defended Havre-de-Grace? Repeat what is said?



received from the recoil of the cannon which he was firing. He then continued the fight with two muskets, which he loaded and fired until he was captured by the enemy.

15. They threatened to hang him as a British subject found in arms; but the determination of the Americans to execute two British soldiers in reprisal, induced them to spare his life. Whenever a body of militia was collected, Admiral Cockburn held aloof.— He threatened Annapolis, but it was prepared for defence, and he retired. He approached Baltimore, but five thousand citizens were in arms, and he shrunk from the encounter. He preferred the safe and profitable, though at that time thought inglorious, warfare of destroying or carrying off private property.

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## CHAPTER XXI.

### BATTLE OF BLADENSBURG.

1. No attempt to invade the interior was made until the year 1814, when a body of men, five thousand strong, under Gen. Ross,

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*Questions.*—15. What did the British threaten to do to him? What deterred them? What further is said of Cockburn?  
1. When did the British land in Maryland?

was landed at Benedict, on the Patuxent, and commenced its march towards Washington.

2. The militia, under Gen. Winder, assembled to oppose their progress. This small force retired before the British until they reached Bladensburg, a village about five miles from the city. The militia were reinforced here by a body of twenty-one hundred men, under General Stansbury, including the fifth regiment, the favorite regiment of Baltimore, under Col. Sterrett, several rifle companies, commanded by Major Pinkney, and two companies of artillery, under Myers and Magruder, and by the sailors and marines, under Commodore Barney. It was now determined to make a stand, and risk a battle for the defence of the capital.

3. General Stansbury was stationed on the left of the road leading to Washington, with his artillery in a breast work near the bridge over the Western Branch, with the Baltimore volunteers in advance. Col. Beall, with eight hundred militia was placed on the right of the road, and Gen. Winder, in person commanded the main body, a short distance in the rear.—The heavy artillery, under Commodore Barney, was placed so as to command the road.

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*Questions.*—2. Who opposed them? Who joined Winder at Bladensburg? 3. What was the disposition of troops.

4. As soon as the enemy appeared in sight, they formed and moved towards the bridge, but were received with a destructive fire from the batteries and the Baltimore rifles, and driven back in disorder.

5. They immediately formed again and advanced a second time. The head of their column was again thrown into confusion, but they at length forced their way across the bridge and drove back General Stansbury's force, capturing one piece of artillery.

6. Col. Beall's militia retreated with great precipitation, and a detachment of Annapolis militia was thrown back in disorder on the main body. The enemy now advanced briskly along the road, certain of an easy victory, when Barney's battery opened upon them in front, and Col. Millar with the marines poured in a heavy fire upon their flank.

7. The first discharge of Barney's pieces swept across their columns with terrible effect. Moving obliquely to the left, to escape the range of the cannon, the British grenadiers fell upon Millar's marines. From these they received so warm a reception that the advance

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*Questions.*—4. What is said in this section? 5. Describe what further is said? 6. Who checked the advance of the British? 7. What was the effect of the discharges of artillery? How did they try to avoid it?

was driven back upon the main body in disorder.

8. The moment was critical, but from the want of a sustaining force, the Americans were unable to follow up the advantage, and Ross having rallied his men extended his front so as to attack the marines in front and on both flanks. Being thus assailed, the marines could not hold their ground; Col. Millar having been wounded, Capt. Sevier ordered them to retire. Barney, no longer sustained by the infantry, was unable to maintain his position, though his gallant sailors worked the guns until they were surrounded and some of their number bayoneted at their posts. Then, only, they retired leaving their gallant commander covered with wounds in the hands of the enemy.

9. The main body of militia and a body of regular cavalry and infantry, eager to join in the fight, in the moment of victory, by the folly of their officers were ordered to retire. When once undisciplined troops look back, a panic seizes them; it was so at Bladensburg; an unwilling retreat became a route.

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*Questions.*—8. What prevented the Americans obtaining the victory? 9. What is said in this section?

10. Washington thus fell into the hands of the enemy who burned the capitol, the president's house and all the public offices. They then returned to their shipping at Benedict, having lost in the expedition four hundred men, killed and wounded, and five hundred prisoners. The loss of the Americans was about thirty killed, fifty wounded and one hundred and twenty taken prisoners.

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## CHAPTER XXII.

### BATTLE OF NORTH POINT.

1. General Ross now turned his eyes upon Baltimore. Anticipating his design, the governor had ordered the militia of the State to hold themselves in readiness, and large bodies were marched to the city for its defence.— About seven hundred regulars, several volunteer and militia companies from Pennsylvania and Virginia, increased their strength to about fifteen thousand men.

2. They were commanded by Gen'l Samuel Smith, who had distinguished himself in the

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*Questions.*—10. What did the British do at Washington? How many did the British lose? How many the Americans? 1. Where did Ross now turn? What had the governor ordered? Who had assembled? 2. By whom commanded?

revolution by his gallant defence of Fort Mifflin. One division of the army was confided to General Winder, the other to General Stricker.

3. As soon as it was announced that the British were approaching the city, the militia flocked in from all quarters in such numbers, that neither arms, ammunition nor provisions could be supplied them, and the services of many were necessarily declined.

4. As it was expected that the enemy would land and attack the town from the east, heavy batteries were erected on the high grounds in that direction, and an entrenchment thrown up in which the main body of the militia were posted.

5. On the water side, the city was defended by Fort McHenry, garrisoned by a thousand men under Major Armistead; two small batteries were erected on the south side, while the channel was obstructed by a number of sunken vessels.

6. On the 11th of September, 1814, the British fleet, numbering fifty sail, entered

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*Questions.*—2. How were the divisions commanded? 3. What was the effect of the announcement of the approach of the British? 4. Where were batteries erected? 5. How was the city defended on the water side? What of the channel? 6. What is said of the British fleet?

the mouth of the Patapsco, and on the 12th, a force of five thousand men was landed at North Point, fourteen miles from Baltimore.

7. General Stricker was ordered forward with three thousand two hundred men, to oppose their progress. He took a position about eight miles from the city, his right resting on Bear Creek, and his left covered by a marsh.

8. In a skirmish with the rifles, who were thrown in the advance, the British commander, General Ross, was killed.

9. General Brook, the second in command, continued to advance, and, at half-past three, action commenced with the main body by a heavy cannonade.

10. The fifty-first regiment having fallen into confusion, while executing an order, failed to keep its ground, and by its retreat the American force was reduced to about one third of the enemy. Notwithstanding this disparity the line maintained its ground with the greatest firmness, pouring in a destructive fire upon the advancing columns of the enemy. The artillery opened with terrible effect upon the left, which was opposed to the

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*Questions.*—6. What force was landed? 7. Who was ordered forward? 8. Who was killed? 9. Who succeeded him? 10. What is said of the fifty-first? What further is said?

gallant fifth, which sustained the laurels won at Bladensburg. The front ranks of the enemy were frequently observed throwing themselves upon the ground to avoid the unerring fire that was poured upon them.

11. Finding his force unable to make head against the superior strength of the enemy, and having given them a severe check, General Stricker ordered his line to retire to the position occupied by the reserve. This position being too exposed, he fell back nearer to the city.

12. The enemy did not attempt pursuit, and the brigade assumed a position near the entrenchments, ready for another struggle with the invader. Although the American loss was heavy, it bore no comparison to that of the British. The loss of the former was twenty-four killed, one hundred and thirty-nine wounded, and fifty prisoners; that of the latter was nearly twice as great. The British lost their leader General Ross, who had boasted that he would take up his winter quarters in Baltimore.

13. On the morning of the 13th, the British made their appearance within two miles of

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*Questions.*—11. What did Stricker now do? 12. Did the enemy pursue? What was the loss on each side? 13. Where did the British next appear?



the entrenchments, on the Philadelphia road, as if endeavoring to gain the flank of the American position; but being baffled by General Smith, they retired to their former position.

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

### BOMBARDMENT OF FORT MCHENRY.

1. Having failed to take the city by land, the enemy hoped that an attack by water would be more successful, and on the evening of the 13th, the fleet began to bombard the fort.

2. The garrison was composed of three companies of United States artillery, and three volunteer city companies, under Capt. Berry, Lieut. Pennington and Capt. Nicholson, besides six hundred infantry; in all about one thousand men, under Col. Armistead.

3. The fleet being anchored two miles from the fort, and out of reach of its guns, the latter was compelled to receive the fire in silence. But a supposed advantage having been obtained, several vessels were brought

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*Questions.*—1. What took place on the 13th? 2. What composed the garrison? 3. What is said in this section?

within range. The batteries immediately opened upon them with such effect, that they were driven back to their former position.

4. During the night several rocket vessels and barges, with fourteen hundred men, supplied with scaling ladders, passed silently by the fort, and entered the Patapsco. Suddenly as they drew opposite the six gun battery, Lieut. Webster, its commander, opened upon them with terrible effect. The fort and ten gun battery, also poured in their fire. The havoc was dreadful. One of the barges was sunk, and the cries of the wounded and drowning, could be plainly heard upon the shore. The rest, having suffered a heavy loss, retreated to the fleet.

5. Just previous to the bombardment, Francis S. Key, Esq., had, under a flag of truce, gone on board of the enemy's fleet, to obtain the release of a friend who had been taken captive. He was himself detained until after the bombardment. During the night he composed the national song, "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER," descriptive of the scene which was passing, and of his own excited feelings.

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*Questions.*—4. What was done during the night? How were they received? 5. What national song was composed this night?

6. Baffled by land and by water, the enemy determined to abandon the expedition. The troops were embarked on the 15th, and, on the 16th, the hostile fleet dropped down the Chesapeake, leaving the city filled with joy at her triumphant preservation, mingled with sorrow for the brave men who had died to defend her.

7. Early in the ensuing year, the war was closed. The treaty of peace was signed at Ghent on the 24th of December, 1814, and ratified by the United States, on 17th of February, 1815.

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## CHAPTER XXIV.

1815-1848 — REFORM — *Internal Improvements* — *Chesapeake and Ohio Canal* — *Rail Roads* — *Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road* — *Other Rail Roads* — *Colonization Society* — *Pecuniary Crisis* — *Mexican War*.

1. The people of Maryland began now to turn their attention to the affairs of their own State. Baltimore had grown very rapidly and under the existing constitution, her representation in the legislature was not proportioned to her population.

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*Questions.*—6. What is said in this section? 1. What is said of Baltimore?

2. By the system of that day, a minority of the people could determine the choice of the senate, the governor and council, and the legislature.

3. The senate was not chosen directly by the people, but by electors, two from each county, and the governor was appointed by the legislature; thus the influence of ten small counties, if brought to bear, could overpower that of the larger.

4. After many years of fruitless efforts, a reform was effected. The election of the governor was given to the people, and his term of office fixed for three years. The council was abolished, and a secretary of State provided. The senate was re-organized and was to be elected by the people.

5. The constitution of the house of delegates was materially altered, and the number of delegates was distributed more in accordance with the population of the several counties and towns.

6. In 1823, the subject of internal improvements became an absorbing theme in Maryland. The immense mineral resources of the western part of the State, the iron and the

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*Questions.*—2. What of the senate and governor? 3. How were they chosen? 4. What change was made? 5. What change in the house of delegates? 6. What is said of internal improvements?

coal, made it important that the designs of the Potomac Company should be completed. But after repeated efforts, it was found that the mode of navigation proposed by the Potomac Company was insufficient.

7. It was, therefore, proposed to incorporate a new company, to which the old one should surrender its privileges, for the purpose of making a canal along the river to its head, and thence to the Ohio. In pursuance of this plan the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company was incorporated in 1824.

8. This canal has its terminus at Georgetown. The city of Baltimore naturally feared that the trade with the west would be drawn from her. As she had no means of competing by canal or water routes with the interior, her attention was drawn to railways.

9. At this time, rail roads were an untried novelty. In England, the engineers and capitalists were agitating the subject of this means of transportation between Liverpool and Manchester,—the first passenger rail road ever constructed,—and simultaneous with this movement the leading citizens of Baltimore were contemplating the organization of the

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*Questions.*—7. What new company was formed? 8. What is said of Baltimore? 9. What of rail roads?

Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road—the first in this country.

10. The first persons to propose this measure were George Brown, Esq., and his associate, Philip E. Thomas, Esq. The far-reaching sagacity of these men, and the wonderful results that have developed themselves in connection with this road, render their names as worthy of honorable mention as those of any that grace the history of Maryland.

11. In February, 1827, these men called a meeting of the citizens of Baltimore, and a memorial was, at once, presented to the legislature: in ten days after a charter was granted.

12. A rail road was also projected from Baltimore to York, Pennsylvania, and an act of incorporation was obtained, under the title of the "Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road." The title was subsequently changed to "Northern Central Rail Road." The "Western Maryland Rail Road" was also projected, but for many years it was suspended. The Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road was also built. This branch has proved very profitable to the State.

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*Questions.*—10. Who were the first to propose the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. 11. When was the first meeting called? 12. What other road was projected?

13. During this period, the American Colonization Society was formed, for the purpose of establishing colonies on the western coast of Africa, and of settling there those emancipated blacks, who should be willing to return to the land of their forefathers. A branch of this Association was immediately formed in Maryland. Finding that, by its connexion with the National Society, it was liable to the vexatious interference of Northern abolitionists, it determined to form an independent organization, and plant a separate colony under the name of "Maryland," in Liberia.— This society received aid from the State, by an annual appropriation of one thousand dollars.

14. In 1837, a great financial crisis occurred. There was great distress in all parts of the country. Suspensions and failures in business became of every day occurrence. In addition to private distress, the national treasury itself was plunged into a state of bankruptcy.

15. Of course, Maryland did not escape. Her liabilities were very great, as the State had subscribed very liberally to the public

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*Questions.*—13. What is said of the Colonization society? 14. What occurred in 1837? 15. What is said of Maryland?

improvements. It was found that, on the first of December, 1840, there would be a deficit in the treasury of six hundred thousand dollars—an amount almost twice as great as the whole revenue of the State.

16. Instead of following the example of some of the other States, by repudiating her debts, it was resolved that a direct tax should be levied on the property of the people; as a means of revenue it also adopted the stamp system on all pecuniary obligations. By the energetic measures recommended by Governor Pratt, she redeemed her credit, and her financial condition has ever since been highly prosperous.

17. In the Mexican war, which broke out in 1845, Maryland was represented by many brave and distinguished heroes, among whom was Major Samuel Ringgold, who, at the head of his battery of light artillery, had distinguished himself throughout that conflict. He was killed at Point Isabel, in Texas, May 11th, 1846. He is buried in Greenmount cemetery, near Baltimore.

18. Colonel Wm. H. Watson distinguished himself at the battle of Monterey. He fell a

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*Questions.*—16. How did she relieve herself of her difficulties?  
17. What is said of the Mexican war? Of Major Ringgold?  
18. What is said of Col. Watson?



victim to his ardor. Struck by a cannon ball he sunk in the arms of Capt. Oden Bowie, one of his comrades, now governor elect of this State, and expired.

19. Lieut. Randolph Ridgeley, who distinguished himself at the battle of Resaca de la Palma, and who had passed unscathed through so many scenes of blood, was instantly killed by being thrown from his horse.

20. In the battles of the valley of Mexico, the Maryland company of Voltigeurs was distinguished in the storming of the Castle of Chapultepec, where they were thrown in the advance. Capt. John Eager Howard, grandson of the hero of Cowpens, was the first officer to cross the parapet, and to leap down amidst the bayonets of the foe, slaying several of the enemy with his own hand. Capt. Archer and Lieut. Swan were also distinguished for their courage.

21. Thus stood Maryland in 1848. Its credit established; its property redoubled; its internal improvements hastening to completion; its metropolis growing with a rapidity almost beyond precedent; its com-

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*Questions.*—19. What is said of Lieut. Ridgeley? 20. What is said of the Maryland company in the battles of the valley of Mexico? Of Howard? 21. What is said of Maryland in 1848?

merce, agriculture and manufactures flourishing and improving, and its people proud of its past history, were welcoming home those gallant sons who had so sustained her reputation with the brave *old Maryland Bayonet*.

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## CHAPTER XXV.

RE-SURVEY OF MASON AND DIXON'S LINE—*New Constitution—Completion of Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road—Its Communication with Europe—Southern Boundary Line of the State—Commission appointed to Retrace the Line.*

1. Very little of interest transpired after the Mexican war, until the civil war of 1861. In 1849, a revision was made of the boundary line between Maryland and Pennsylvania.—The re-survey was made by commissioners appointed by the States of Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. So accurate was the work of Mason and Dixon, that the change involved by the corrections amounted to less than two acres, which were added to the area of Maryland.

2. In 1851, a State Convention was appointed to form a new constitution. By this

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*Questions.*—1. What is said of the re-survey of Mason and Dixon's line? 2. State some of the changes made by the Constitution of 1851?

constitution lotteries were made illegal; imprisonment for debt was abolished; the judiciary was made elective; and, the fees of the officers were not allowed to exceed three thousand dollars; all in excess of this amount was to be paid into the State treasury. Other changes were made, but they were not of a permanent character.

3. On the first day of January, 1853, the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road was finished to the Ohio River. It had been promised, two years before, that it should be completed on that day, and true to the time appointed, the first passenger train from Baltimore arrived at the bank of Wheeling Creek.

4. Thomas Swann, Esq, the present governor of the State, was president of the road at that time. It was to his boldness, eloquence and confidence, sustained by the skill, experience, energy and caution of the chief engineer, Benjamin H. Latrobe, Esq., that this work was carried through its difficulties to a successful completion—a work whose importance to Maryland, and particularly to Baltimore, can never be over-estimated.

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*Questions.*—3. When was the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road completed? What had been promised two years before? 4. Who was president of the road at that time? To what was the completion of the road due?

5. Upon its completion, Mr. Swann resigned. The presidency of this corporation, which exercises so controlling an influence over the whole business of Maryland, and even of neighboring States, has fallen into able and trustworthy hands. Such judicious connections have been made with western roads, that the distance between the seaboard and the great west, finds its shortest line along the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, which is, therefore, destined to form a part of the great highway between the two Oceans.

6. Availing themselves of this fact, the company have made direct communication with Europe, by means of two lines of steamers, one to Liverpool and the other to Bremen. By the exercise of energy and tact, Baltimore is, in this way, the only American owner of Trans-Atlantic steamers, and that, too, without the aid of government subsidy.

7. The southern boundary line of this State was described in the charter as "a right line drawn from the promontory, or head-land, called *Watkins' Point*, unto the main Ocean

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*Questions.*—5. When did Mr. Swann resign? Who is the present president? What connections have been made? 6. What is said of communication with Europe? 7. How was the southern boundary of the State described in the charter?

on the East." In 1661, a dispute arose as to the precise location of Watkins' Point.

8. This dispute was settled by articles of agreement between Philip Calvert, commissioner for Maryland, and Edmund Scarbrugh, commissioner for Virginia, in the year 1668. (See page 81.) By this agreement, Watkins' Point was defined to be the *whole body of land* between the north side of the Pocomoke bay and the south side of Annamessex bay, now Big Annamessex river.

9. The commissioners ran what was intended to be an east line, from "the extremest part of the westernmost angle of the said Watkins' Point."

10. All of the existing maps of Maryland and Virginia being incorrect, the points named did not conform with the provisions of the charter; and, the time and manner of the early settlement of the boundary line being almost forgotten, the old question of the locality of Watkins' Point was revived. In 1858, Thomas J. Lee, Esq., was appointed commissioner for Maryland, in conjunction

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*Questions.*—7. When did a dispute arise? 8. How was the dispute settled? 9. What was the line intended to be? 10. What is said of the maps of Maryland? Of the settlement of the dispute? When was a commission appointed to retrace the line? Who was appointed for Maryland?

with a commissioner from Virginia, "to retrace and mark the boundary between Smith's Point, at the mouth of the Potomac, and the Atlantic."

11. The commissioners, in retracing the line from Watkins' Point, discovered that it did not run east. By the agreement in 1668, it was intended to be an east line, or a parallel of latitude; and such a line would add about twenty-three square miles to Maryland. But as the error in the line was probably due to not taking into the account the variation of the compass, and as its direction was fixed by marks, the commissioners simply renewed such landmarks as were either lost or destroyed, and did not look to any change in the present limits of the State.

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*Questions.*—11. What did the commissioner discover? What is the probable cause of this error? Did they propose any change

## CHAPTER XXVI.

CHARACTER OF THE PERIOD—*Secession of Eleven States—Riot in Baltimore—Injury to Troops, and Retaliation—Passage of Troops Prevented—Occupation of Baltimore—General Butler.*

1. The period upon which we are about to enter is one of great gloom. It was characterized by that civil war, from the effects of which the whole country is still suffering.

2. In 1860 and 1861, eleven of the Southern States, believing and declaring the compact of the Constitution to be violated, and their rights, both personal and political, to be in danger, asserted the right to withdraw from the Union, and seceded.

Whatever may have been the sympathies of her people, Maryland did not unite in this act of her sister States; on the contrary, the Legislature, by a resolution, virtually refused to call a convention to consider the question.

3. The Federal Government, sustained by the Northern States, resisted this act of secession with all its power; and as Maryland lies between these States and the Federal Capital, their troops were compelled to pass through Baltimore. This caused a great deal of excitement among the people of the city.

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*Questions*—1. What is said of the period upon which we are about to enter? 2. How many of the States seceded? Why did they secede? 3. What is said of the Federal Government? What of the troops?

4. When a few hundred regulars from the West were brought to reinforce Fort McHenry, they were received with hootings and jeers, but when a regiment of volunteers from Massachusetts passed through, on April 19th, it was attacked by a mob.

5. The police force of the city, in anticipation of violence, had assembled to protect, by the arm of the civil law, the troops in their passage. The mayor of the city and the marshal of the police were indefatigable in their efforts to preserve the peace, which was acknowledged by some of the officers of the regiment.

6. Some of the troops, however, having been injured by missiles hurled from the crowd, lost all restraint of discipline, and fired among the people; several citizens, innocent and distant spectators, were killed.

7. One of the mob thereupon seized a musket from one of the troops and fired. Fire arms were then freely used, and some of the soldiery were killed. It was insisted by the police authorities that they had both the disposition and power to control the riot, had

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*Questions.*—4. State what is said in this section? 5. What is said of the police of the city? 6. What happened to some of the troops, and what did they do? 7. What followed? What is said of police?



the military restrained their fire. Blood, however, having been spilt on both sides, the bitterest feelings arose.

8. Great excitement prevailed for several days. On Sunday, April 21st, upon learning that more troops were on the way to the south, many of the citizens prepared themselves to resist their passage. The bridges on all the roads leading to the city having been destroyed, the troops found it impossible to cross. Those who had come from Pennsylvania, by means of the Northern Central Rail Road, returned to their State, but those who were on the Philadelphia road were taken in transports to Annapolis. From Annapolis they marched to the Washington Rail Road and were thence transported in cars to the capital.

9. By this manœuvre, Baltimore was surrounded, and from this time was under the control of the military. General B. F. Butler, having taken military possession of the country in the neighborhood of the Relay House, on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, built batteries and established forts, as a prelimi-

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*Questions.*—8. What happened on Sunday, 21st April? How did the troops reach Washington? 9. What is said of this manœuvre? What of General Butler?

nary caution, and then secretly, by night, on May the 13th, marched fifteen hundred troops into the city, and posted them on Federal Hill. The batteries were turned upon the city, as were also those of Fort McHenry. There were rumors, from time to time, of threats to destroy the city.

10. While in the neighborhood of the Relay House, one of the soldiers in Butler's command, through imprudence in diet, was attacked with cholera-morbus. Such was the excitement of feeling that it was pronounced a case of poisoning, and the General immediately issued an order,—not to caution his men against unripe fruit, but—to intimate to the inhabitants of the neighboring villages and hamlets, that he had it in his power to poison them all.

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*Questions.*—9. What of the batteries? 10. What happened while the troops were encamped near the Relay House?

## CHAPTER XXVII.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—*General Banks—Provost Marshals—Arrest of Legislature—Anecdote—Espionage—General Dix—General Wool—General Schenck—Fish—General Wallace.*

1. General N. P. Banks, having been appointed commander of the Department of Annapolis, with his head-quarters at Baltimore, occupied the Exchange, Monument Square, and other public places with troops and loaded cannon. He also deposed the mayor and police commissioners, and appointed provost-marshals.

2. By his orders, General McClellan, in September, arrested the members of the legislature, which had removed its place of meeting from Annapolis to Frederick, after the former place was occupied by the Federal forces.

3. It is supposed that these members were arrested upon suspicion of entertaining the sentiments so boldly uttered by the delegates from Massachusetts, in Congress, in 1811, and the soil of Massachusetts was made their pri-

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*Questions.*—1. What did General Banks do? 2. What, General McClellan? 3. Upon what grounds is it supposed this arrest was made?

son. No charge was ever made against these men; they were confined for fourteen months, and when discharged were as ignorant as on the day of their arrest, on what account they had been deprived of their liberty.

4. An incident of this captivity is worth preserving. On one Sunday, a New England clergyman expressed a desire to preach to the prisoners. Upon its being made known to them, one of the gentlemen, of Baltimore, a venerable and venerated citizen, now holding a high judicial position, proposed to accept of his services, if he would preach from a text of their selection. The text chosen was one that had occurred that morning, in this gentleman's daily reading of the Scripture—Acts xxv, 27. "It seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him." There was no sermon that morning in the fortress.

5. Under the provost-marshals, a system of espionage and surveillance was established. It was unsafe for men, or women, or children, to express in any way sentiments adverse to the views of these military chieftains.

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*Questions.*—4. What anecdote is related? 5. What system was adopted under the Provost-Marshals?

6. General Dix, of New York, who subsequently had command of the department, was very strenuous in his endeavors to break up all communication with the South. To prove his efficiency he instituted the system of midnight arrests, and domiciliary visits. Notwithstanding this he found it a difficult matter, as it ever will be, when mother will communicate with son, wife with husband, or brother with sister.

7. Dix was succeeded by General Wool, an old army officer, who had rendered distinguished services to his country in the Mexican war. His rule was generally acceptable. It is usually found that men, who have been trained to govern, and are accustomed to rule, understand the art of so tempering authority with mildness, as to render them less intolerant and arbitrary than those "clothed with a little brief authority."

8. General Wool's course was severely censured by the Northern press. He was removed, and succeeded by General Schenck, a volunteer from Ohio. The history of this administration has yet to be written. His

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*Questions.*—6. What did General Dix endeavor to do? What system did he introduce? 7. Who succeeded Dix? What is said of him? 8. How was Wool's course regarded in the north? By whom was he succeeded?

chief man of business was the notorious Fish. The outrages of this man, at last, became so rank, that he was convicted of felony, and sent to the Albany Penitentiary, in New York. In a few months, however, he was quietly pardoned and discharged.

9. The administration of General Lew. Wallace was but a continuation of that of Schenck.

10. In September of 1862, the Southern army entered Maryland. It was opposed by General McClellan, and a battle was fought at South mountain, north-west of Frederick on the 14th; on the 17th, the celebrated battle of Antietam was fought. General Lee finding himself opposed by so powerful a force, concentrated under General McClellan, returned into Virginia.

11. In 1863, however, Lee again returned to Maryland. A terrible battle was fought at Gettysburg. The Southern troops were defeated, and again returned to Virginia.

12. In June, 1864, a portion of the Southern army crossed the Potomac. In a battle

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*Questions.*—8. What is said of Fish? 9. What, of General Lew. Wallace? 10. When did the Southern Army enter Maryland? What battles were fought? 11. When, the Battle of Gettysburg? 12. When did Southern troops again enter Maryland? Repeat what is said in this section?

near Frederick, the Federal troops were defeated. The Southern troops divided; a portion of them went towards the city of Baltimore and burned the governor's residence, situated within five miles of that city. The other portion crossed the country to Beltsville. The troops posted there, four hundred in number, precipitately retreated, without waiting to fire a shot. The Southern troops followed in about three hours, towards Washington, coming within eight miles of that city. Finding that about forty thousand troops had been concentrated there, they crossed the country, and joined the main body under General Early.

13. General Early took possession of Frederick, demanded and received two hundred thousand dollars as the ransom of the city.—General M'Causland received nearly one hundred thousand dollars as the ransom of Hagerstown.

14. These troops committed no depredations upon private property. The burning of the governor's house was in retaliation for the burning of Gov. Letcher's house in Virginia by the Federal troops.

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*Questions.*—13. What is said of General Early? Of McCausland?

14. What is said of the Southern troops?

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

MARYLAND WITHOUT HISTORY—*Convention for New State Constitution—Adoption of the New Constitution—Its Provisions—Disfranchisement—Subsequent Liberal Interpretation—Change in Legislature—Another New Constitution.*

1. It will be seen from the last chapter that during the civil war, Maryland had really no history. Her official acts were not the expression of the people of the State, but were simply in accordance with the dictates of the military commander of the department.

2. The polls were closed to all who would not submit to take an oath prescribed by these men, an oath unknown to the laws of the State, required and administered by aliens to her soil. In some instances when men declined to vote, after the oath was presented them, they were arrested and imprisoned for their refusal. Among these, was a former governor of the State.

3. Under this peculiar administration, a convention was held in 1864, for the forming of a new State Constitution. This convention was empowered to declare who should vote

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*Questions.*—1. Repeat this section? 2. What is said of the polls? Of the oath? 3. What Convention was held?



upon its adoption or rejection. A set of questions, which were to be answered under oath, was prepared for the judges to ask each voter. The questions concerned not only the acts and words of the voter, but entered even into his very inmost and secret thoughts.

4. Notwithstanding this inquisition, and the repugnance of men to subject themselves to a questioning so new, and so abhorrent to the feelings of freemen, the vote against the new constitution was so large that it was supposed that it had been rejected. But it was discovered that the returns of some of the soldiers, who were absent with the army, had not yet all been counted. When these were counted, it was found that the constitution had been adopted by a few hundred majority.

5. By this constitution a State Board of Education, and the new office of lieutenant-governor were created. Slavery of the negroes was abolished, and a registration of the whites was adopted. This registration had the effect of disfranchising by far the largest portion of the inhabitants.

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*Questions.*—3. How were people prevented from voting? 4. What is said of the vote on the Constitution? What of the army vote? 5. What new offices were created? What was the effect of the registration?

6. After the conclusion of the war, prior to the election for delegates to the legislature, the governor instructed the registers that the registry law was to be so interpreted, that it should secure the citizen in his rights, and not deprive him of them, and that every one who presented himself, and would take the prescribed oath, should be registered without any further inquisition, by way of questioning, excepting what is usual where fraud is suspected. The judges also were to regard the registration of the voter as an evidence of his legal right to vote.

7. The result of this liberal interpretation of the law was that a very large number registered; and the election that followed made a complete change in the legislature.

8. Among the first acts of this new body was that of calling a convention to form the present Constitution of the State, which was adopted by a majority of about fifty thousand votes, on the 18th of September, 1867. By this constitution the restrictions upon voting were still further removed; the governor,

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*Questions.*—6. What instruction did the governor give to the registers? 7. What was the result of this liberal interpretation? 8. What was among the first acts of the new legislature? What is said of the new Constitution?

Thomas Swann, was continued in office until January, 1869; the State Board of Education, and the office of lieutenant-governor, were abolished.

9. At a subsequent election, Oden Bowie, Esq., whose name has been already mentioned in connexion with the Mexican war, was elected governor.

10. We have now completed the history of our beloved State, and we commit it to the rising generation, in the hope that the deeds of their forefathers will be enshrined in their hearts; that the names of the pioneers of civil and religious liberty, of her statesmen and heroes, will be house-hold words; and that the spirit of emulation will animate them to cherish and imitate those virtues that have given so high a character to the Maryland name. It is this spirit that has placed her sons among the most chivalric of the land, and it is in this spirit, and in pride of her glory that is based the surest hope for her future.

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*Question.*—9. Who was elected governor and when does he enter upon his office?

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- 1777—THOMAS JOHNSON.  
1779—THOMAS SIM LEE.  
1782—WILLIAM PACA.  
1785—WILLIAM SMALLWOOD.  
1788—JOHN EAGER HOWARD.  
1791—GEORGE PLATER.  
1794—JOHN H. STONE.  
1797—JOHN HENRY.  
1798—BENJAMIN OGLE.  
1801—JOHN FRANCIS MERCER.  
1803—ROBERT BOWIE.  
1806—ROBERT WRIGHT.  
1809—EDWARD LLOYD.  
1811—ROBERT BOWIE.  
1812—LEVIN WINDER.  
1815—CHARLES RIDGELEY, of Hampton.  
1818—CHARLES GOLDSBOROUGH.  
1819—SAMUEL SPRIGG.  
1822—SAMUEL STEVENS, JR.  
1825—JOSEPH KENT.  
1828—DANIEL MARTIN.  
1829—THOMAS KING CARROLL.  
1830—DANIEL MARTIN.  
1831—GEORGE HOWARD.  
1832—JAMES THOMAS.  
1835—THOMAS W. VEAZEY.  
1838—WILLIAM GRASON.  
1841—FRANCIS THOMAS.  
1844—THOMAS G. PRATT.  
1847—PHILIP FRANCIS THOMAS.  
1850—E. LOUIS LOWE.  
1854—T. WATKINS LIGON.  
1857—T. HOLLIDAY HICKS.  
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1867—ODEN BOWIE, elected to enter upon his  
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