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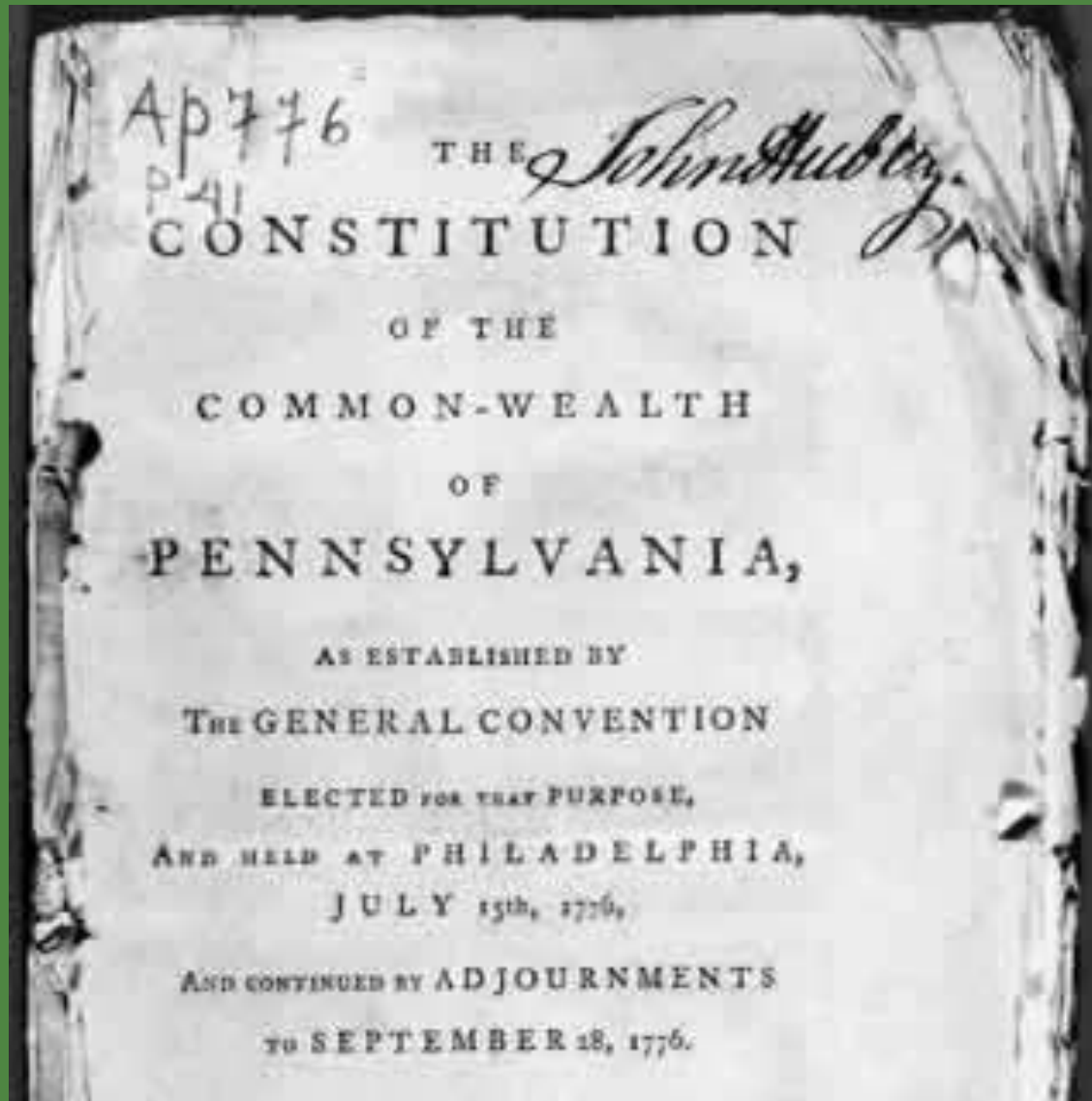
Two days after appointing a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence, the Second Continental Congress appointed a committee to draft a constitution for the United States. The constitution was called the Articles of Confederation. This image is courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol.

Articles of Confederation Vocabulary



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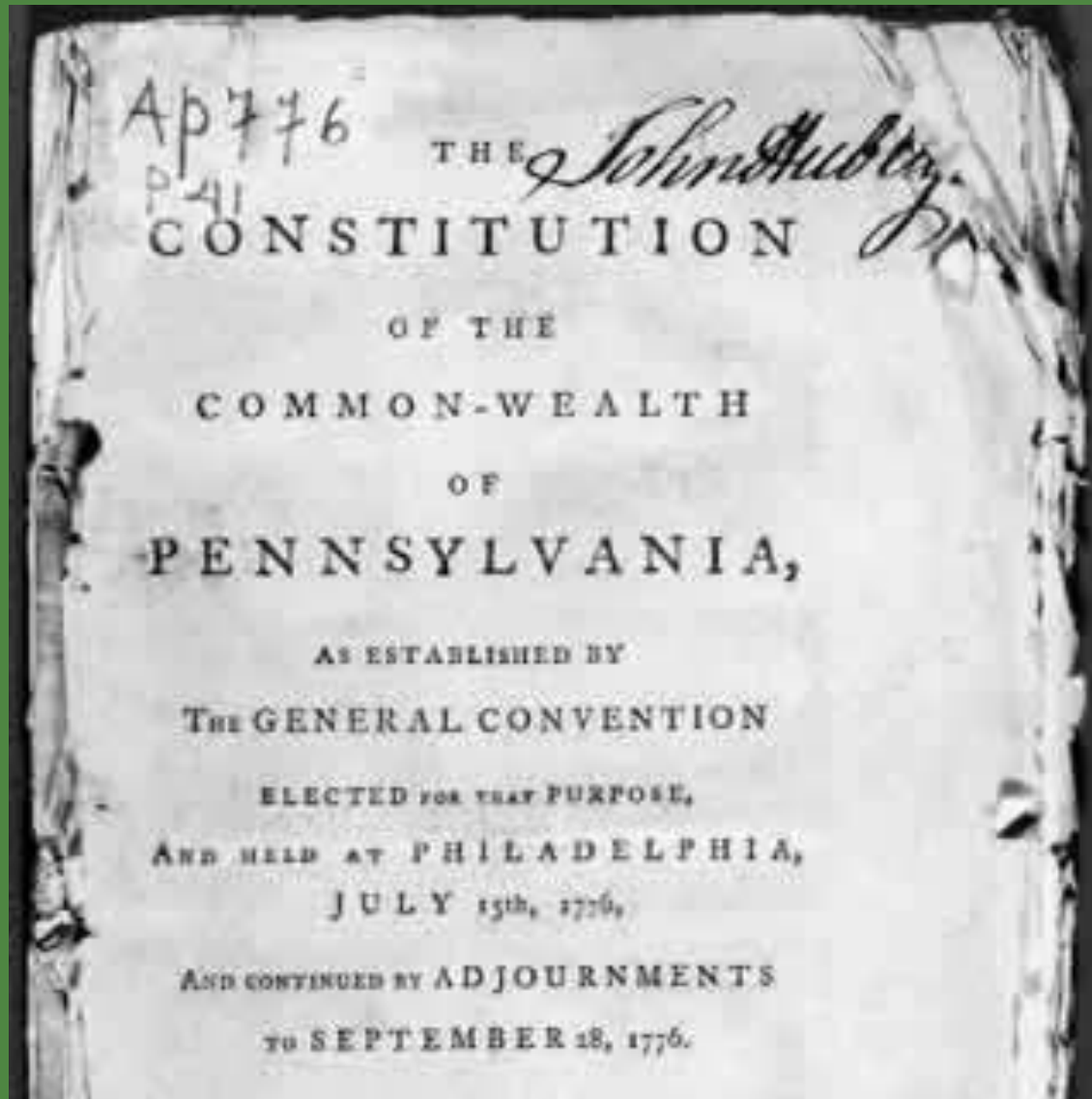
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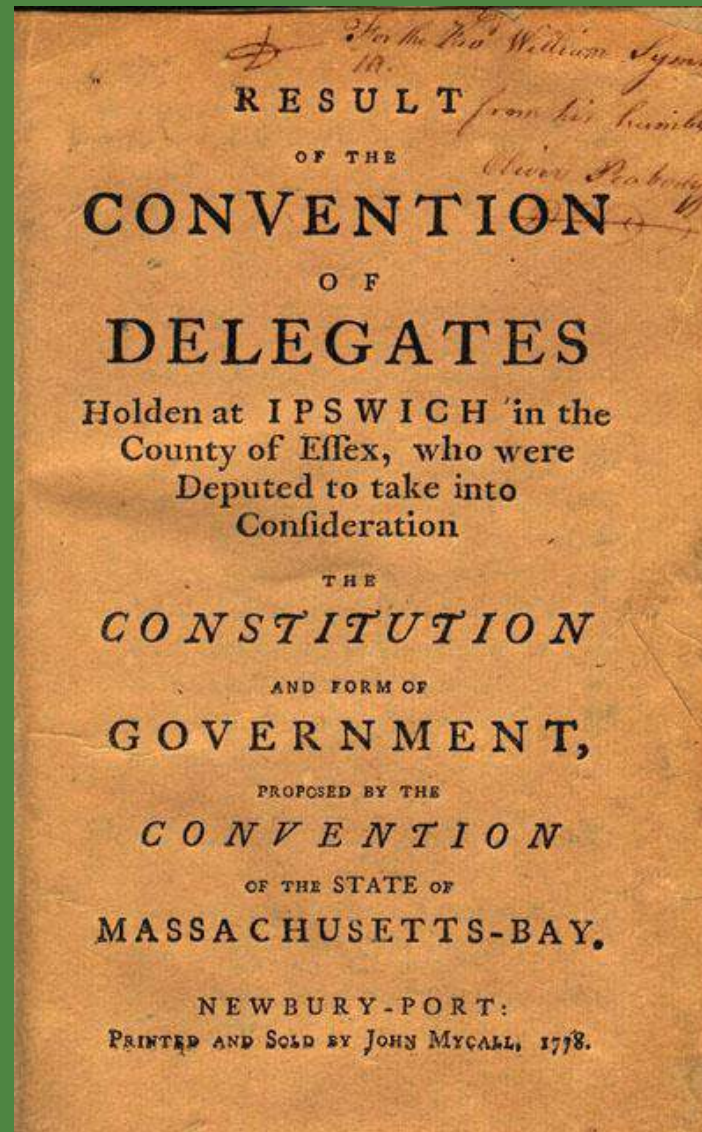
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In the spring of 1776 Congress asked the colonies to replace their colonial charters with new **constitutions**.



The proposed constitution by the state legislature of Massachusetts was rejected in 1778. Pamphlets such as the one shown here criticized the proposed constitution for lacking a Bill of Rights and not clearly separating the powers of the different branches of government. This image is courtesy of mass.gov.

The lawmaking branch of a government.



This image is titled *Adoption of the Virginia Declaration of Rights*. It depicts Patrick Henry standing at the Virginia Revolutionary Convention in Williamsburg in 1776. The original oil painting was created by Jack Clifton in 1974 for the Commonwealth of Virginia. This image is courtesy of virginiamemory.com.

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The **legislative branch** includes lawmakers elected by the voters of the state.



This image shows a reenactment of the House of Burgesses meeting in the Virginia State Capitol in Williamsburg. This image is courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

Two houses of the legislative branch of government.



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The **bicameral** legislature for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania includes the House of Representatives and the Senate.



The Pennsylvania State Legislature is the state legislature for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This image shows the Capitol in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This image was taken by Ruhrfish in March, 2010 and is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

The branch of government that carries out the laws made by the legislative branch.



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Executive Branch

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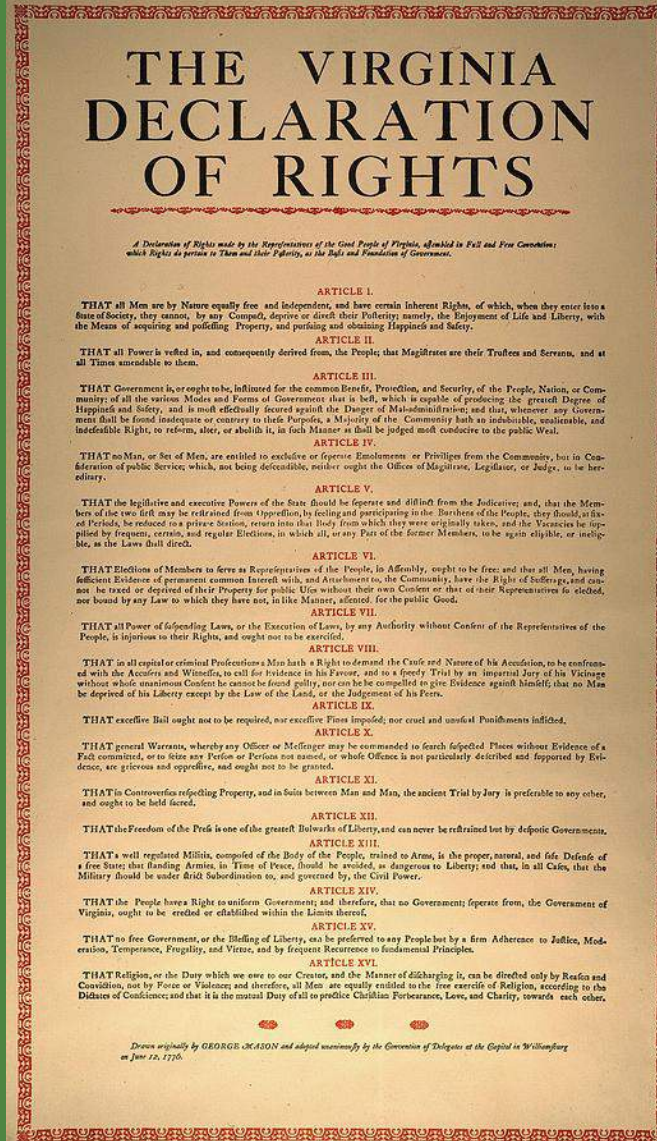
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A state governor heads the **executive branch**.



Elected in 1785, Benjamin Franklin was the sixth governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At the time, his title was President of the Supreme Executive Council. This image was created by Joseph-Siffrein Duplessis (1725-1802) in 1785. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

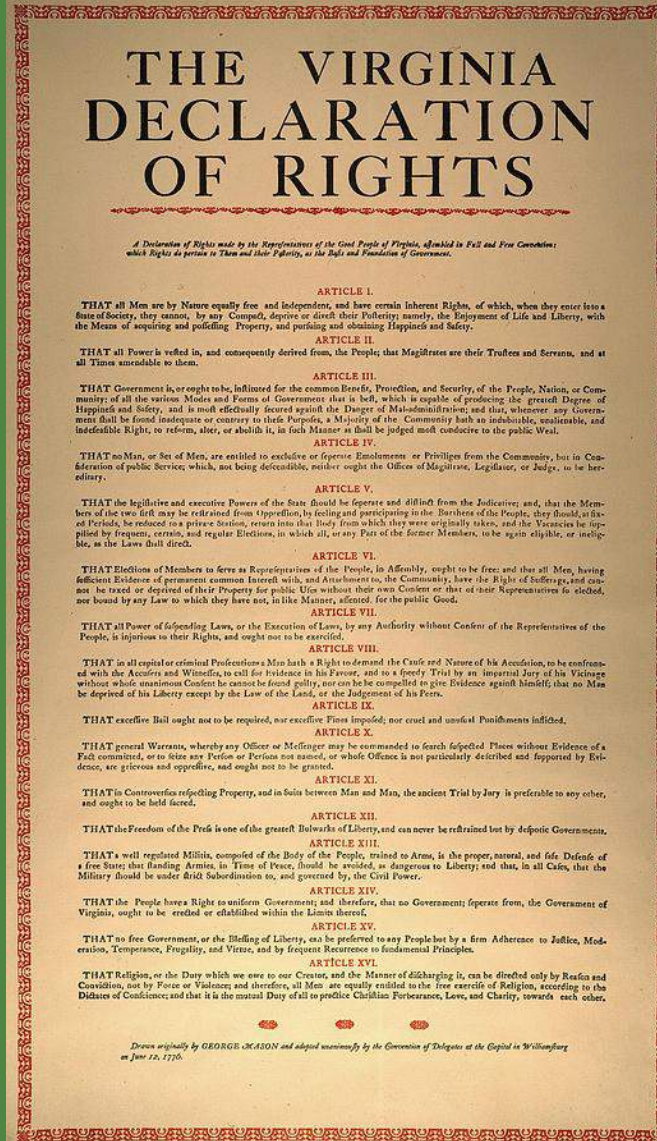
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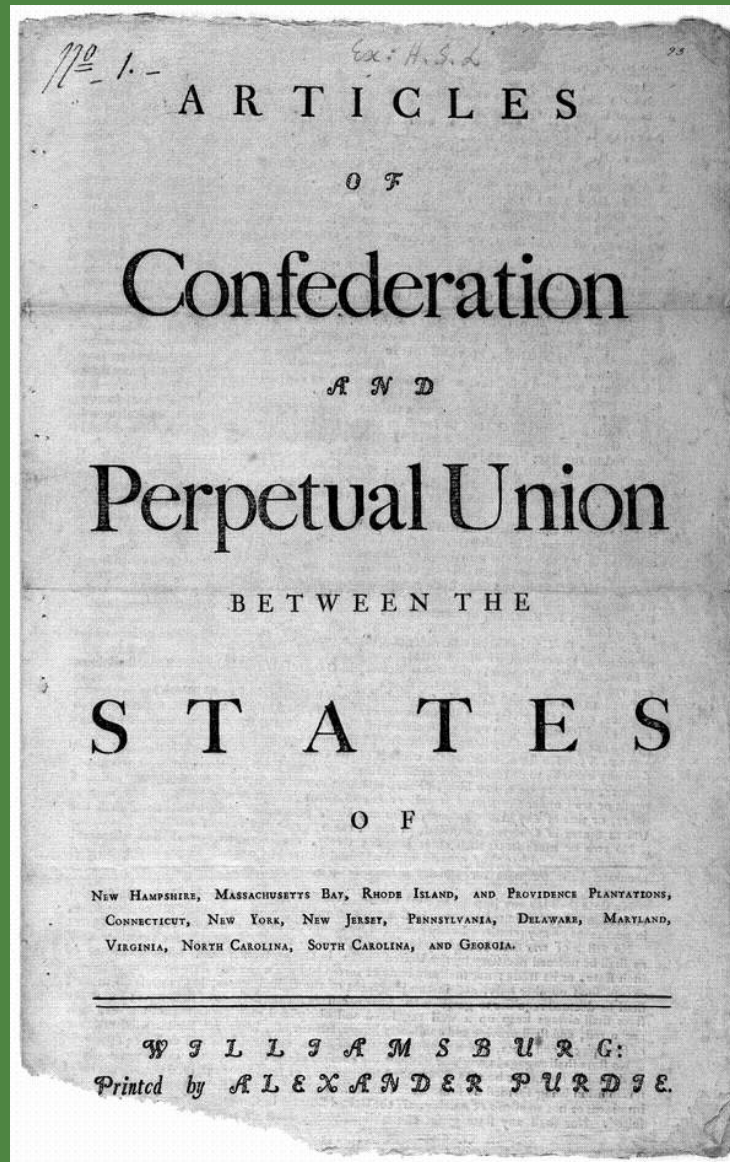
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In some of the state constitutions, their **bill of rights** spelled out certain rights such as trial by jury.



This is a reenactment of a felony trial in the General Court of Williamsburg's Capitol. The Governor's Council, sitting in judgment would later be replaced by a jury of the defendant's peers or of the same legal status. This image is courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

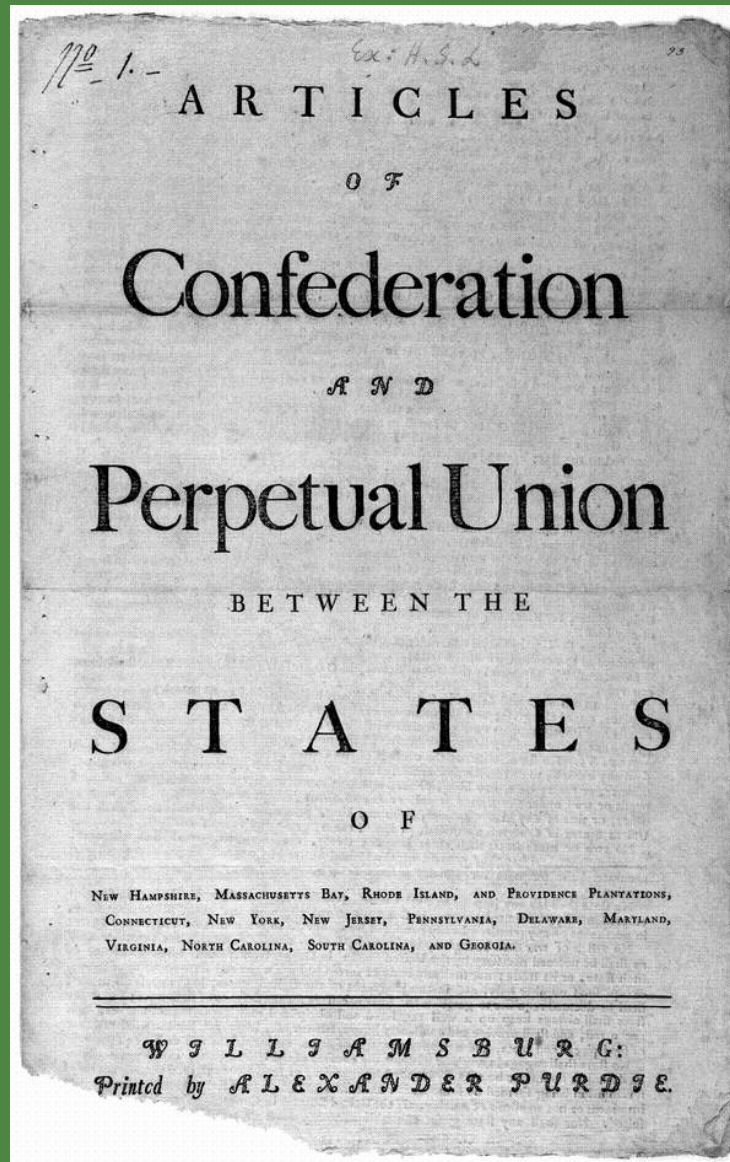
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The **Articles of Confederation** were adopted by the Congress when it met in York, Pennsylvania in November, 1777.



The Second Continental Congress met in York, Pennsylvania for nine months in 1777-1778. It was effectively the capital of the United States during that time. This image is courtesy of the University of Georgia.

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This photograph shows a meeting in the Council Chamber in Williamsburg, Virginia. This image is courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg.

Ratify

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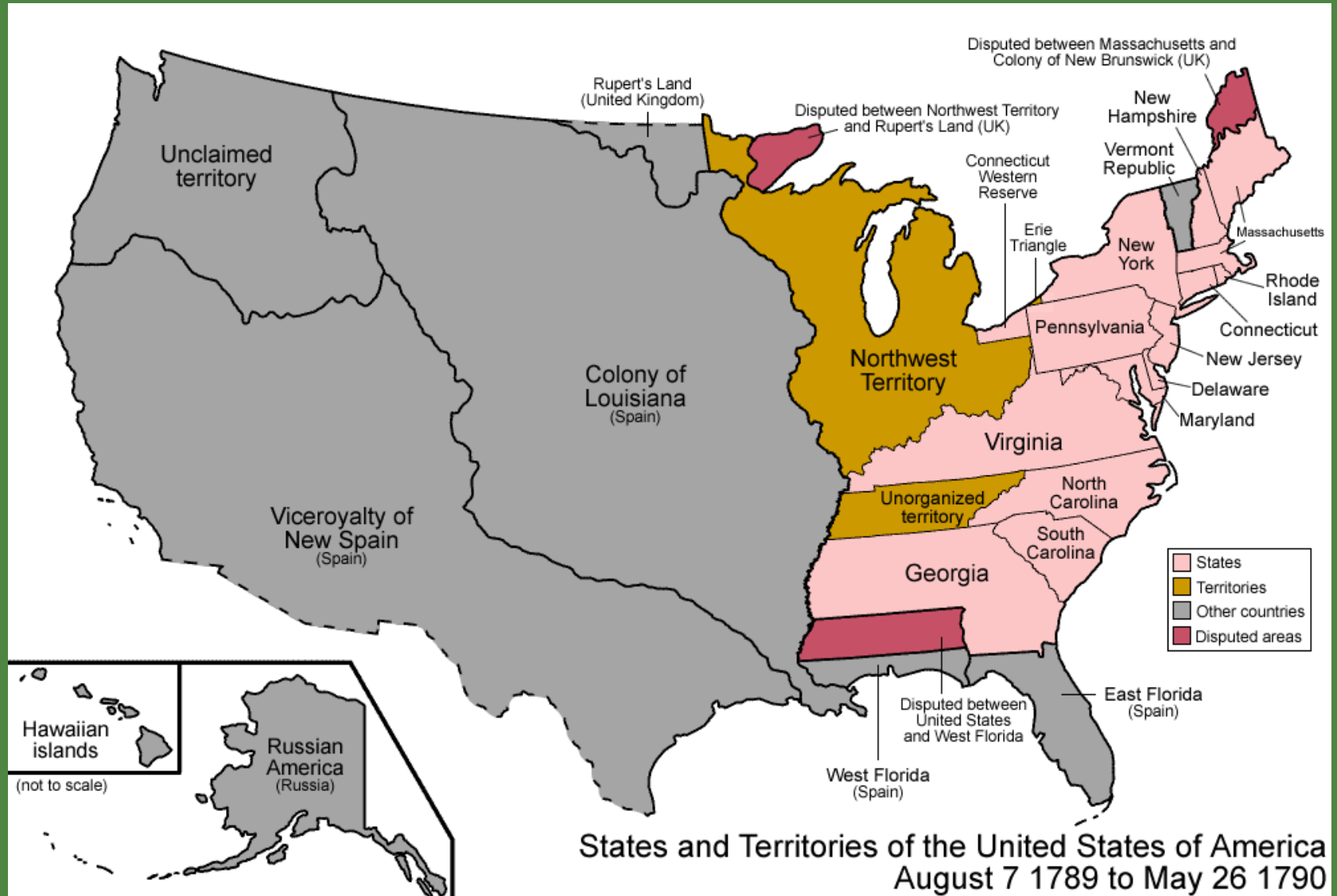
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All of the states did not **ratify** the Articles of Confederation until 1781, or four years after they had been written.



Maryland was the last of the 13 states to approve the Articles of Confederation. This image shows the Maryland State House. Construction began on the statehouse in 1772, but it was not completed until 1797. This image is courtesy of the State of Maryland.

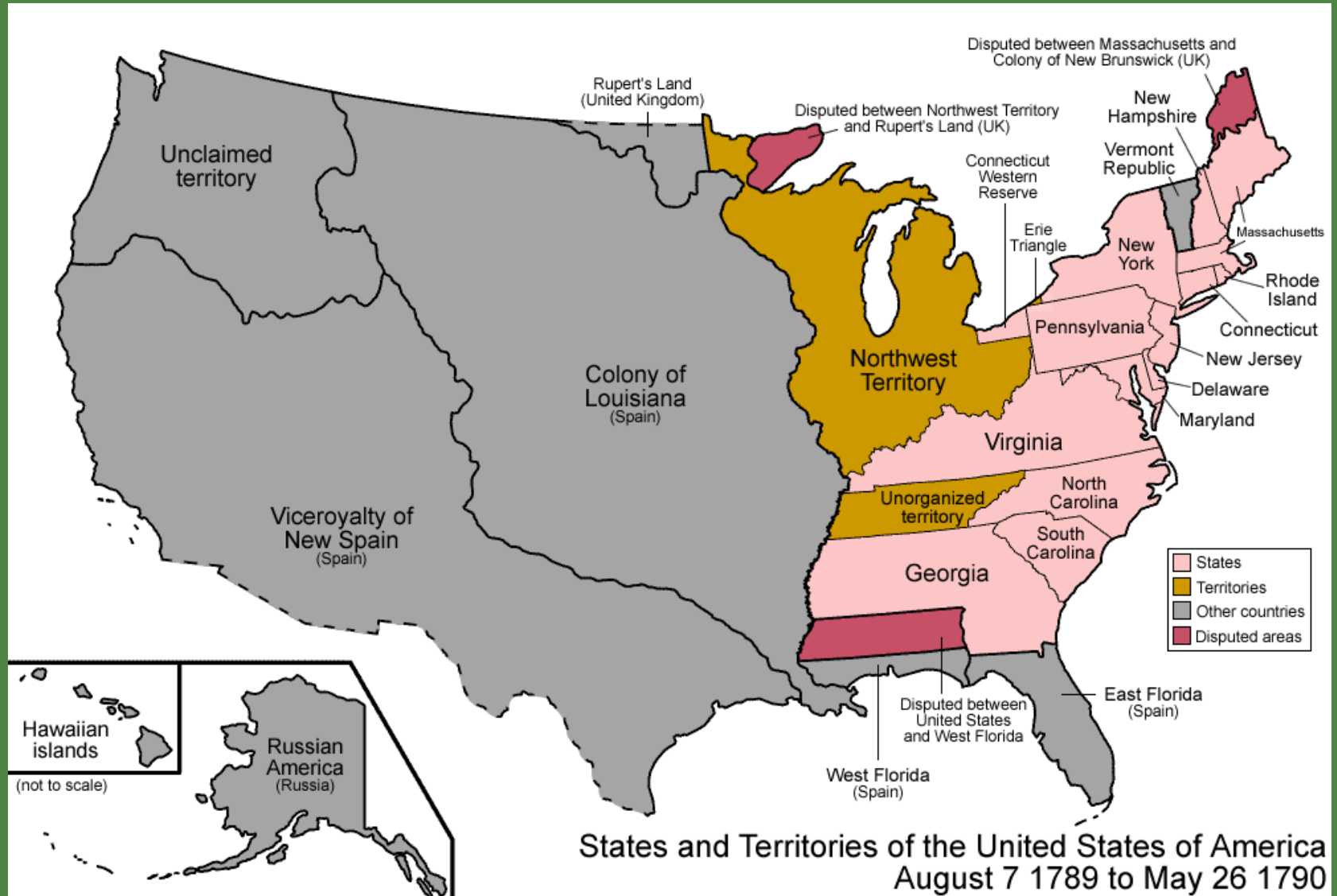
A region with its own government that cannot apply to become a state until its population reaches 60,000 and it writes a state constitution.



This map shows territories colored brown. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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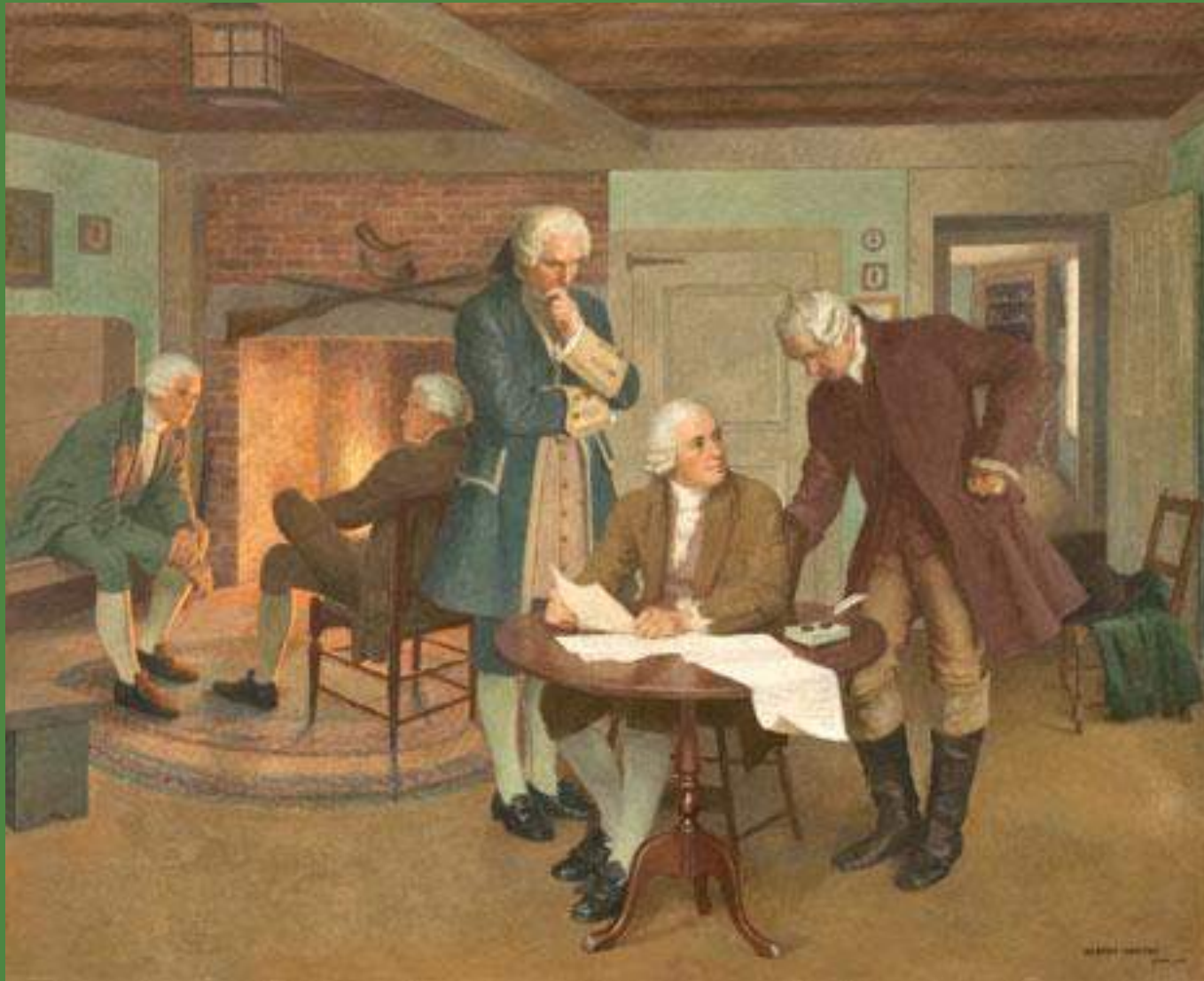
Congress must give approval for admitting a **territory** into the United States in order for it to become a state.



The President will then sign the bill into law. This image shows the west front of the United States Capitol. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

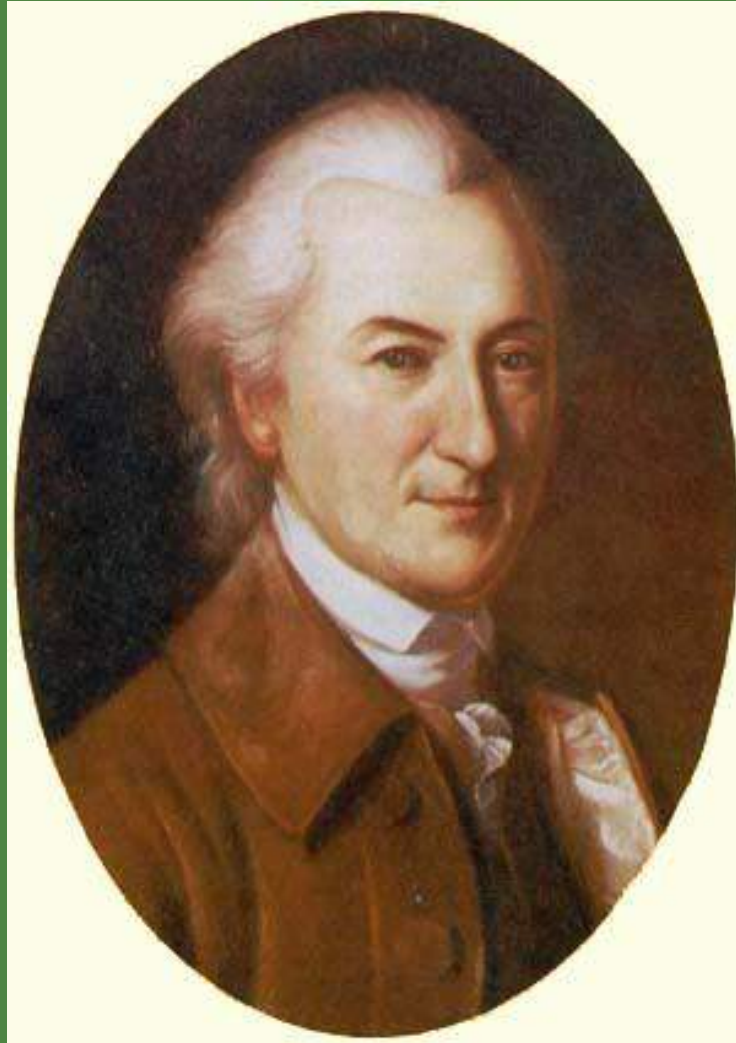
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People to Meet



This image shows John Adams, Samuel Adams, and James Bowdoin drafting the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780. This painting was created by Albert Herter in 1942. This image is courtesy of malegistature.gov.

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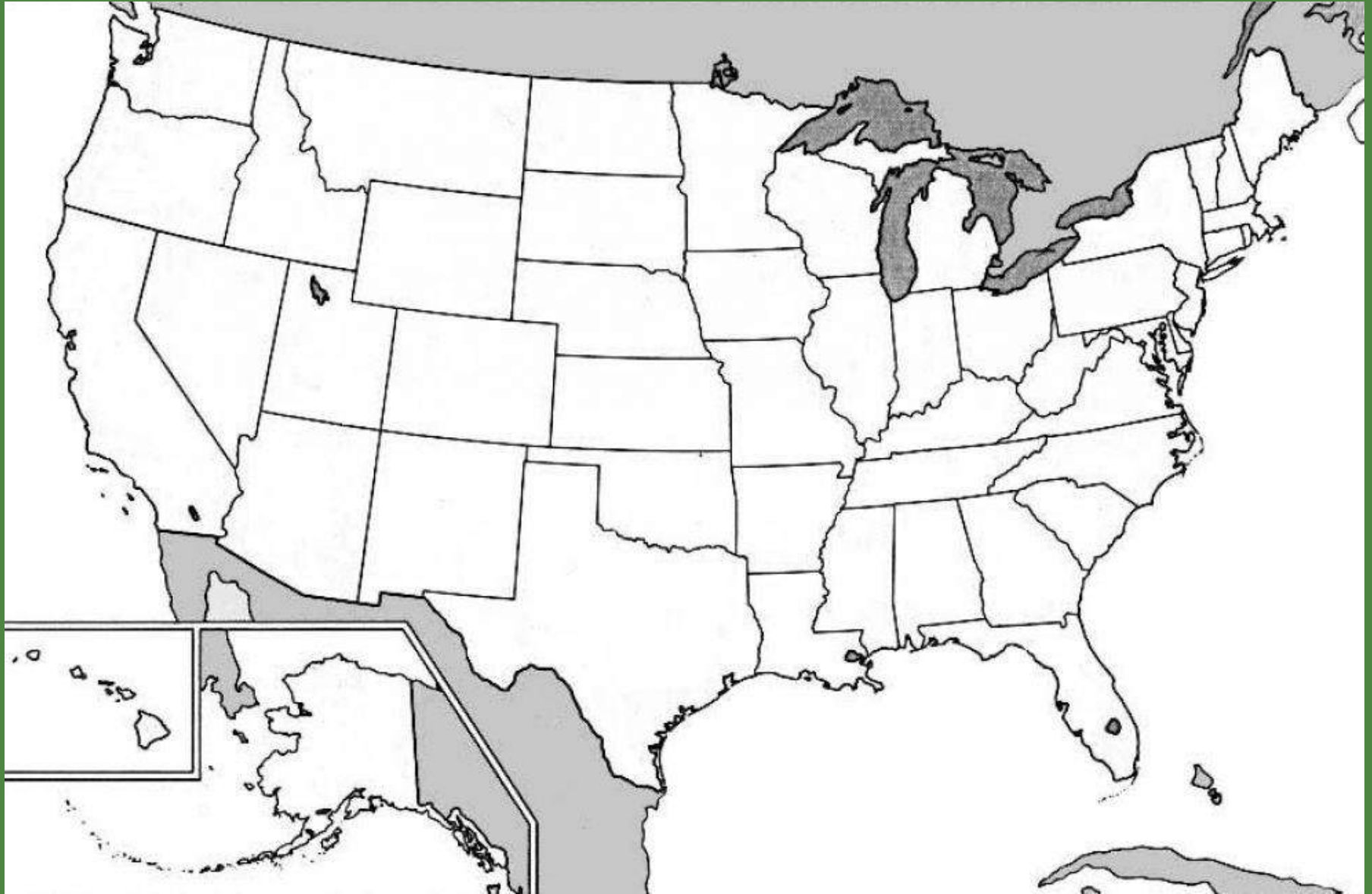
Maps



This image shows the states that were eventually created from the Northwest Territory. The image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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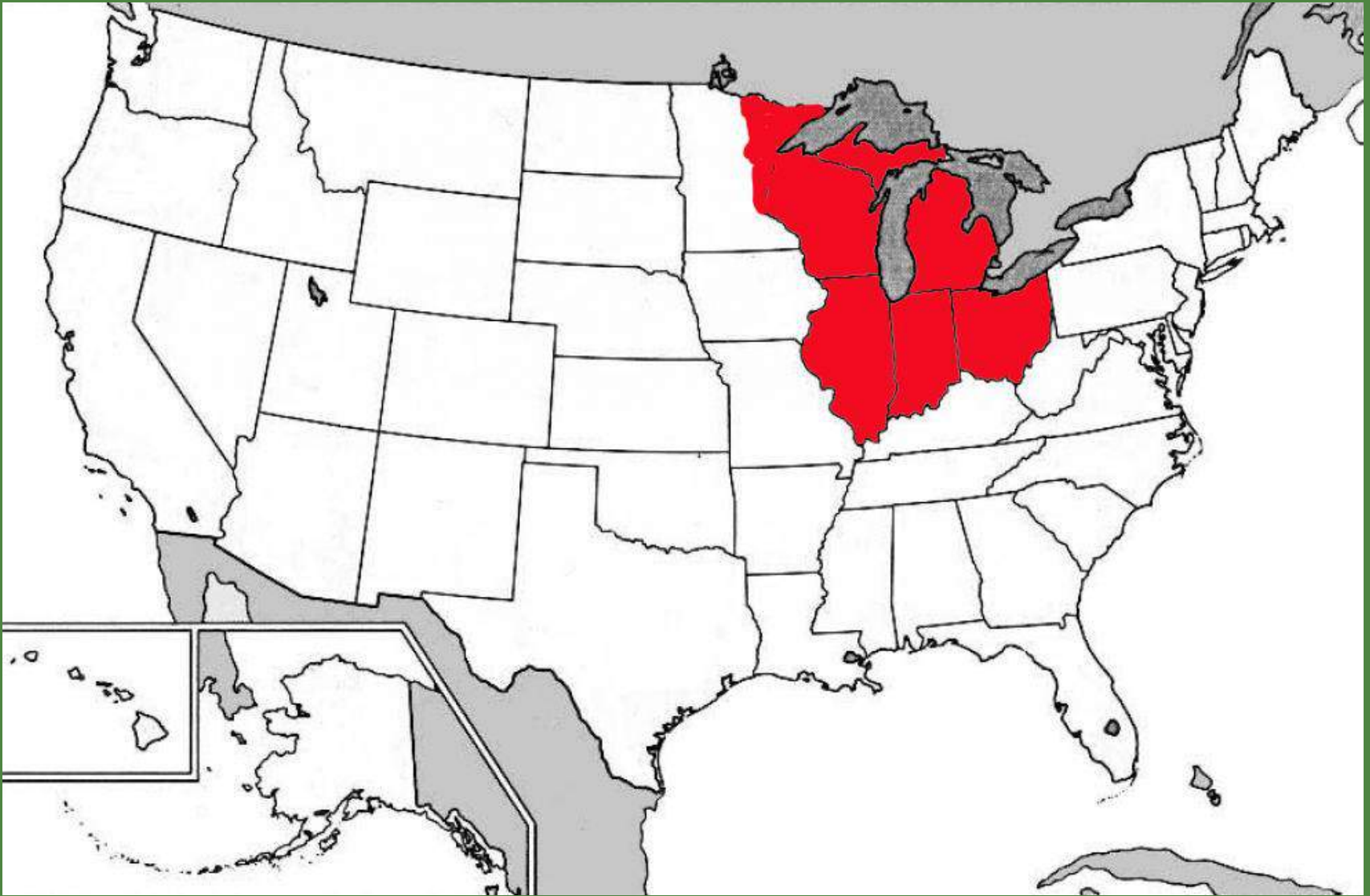
Find the Northwest Territory on this map of the 50 States of the United States.



This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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The states of the Northwest Territory are now colored in red. Minnesota was part of Wisconsin during this time and part of the present state of Minnesota was in the Northwest Territory. This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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