

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

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- 1783 Armistice between Great Britain and Holland, Feb. 10.
Ratification of the definitive treaty of peace between Great Britain, France, Spain, and the United States, Sept. 3.
The first balloon, invented by Montgolfier, of Lyons; from which discovery, Mess. Charles and Robert, of Paris, taking the hint, construct inflammable gas, or the air balloon.
- 1784 The definitive treaty of peace between Great Britain and Holland, May 22.
M^r. Lunardi ascended in an air balloon from the artillery ground Monks-field; the first attempt of the kind in England, September 15.
- 1785 A congress of Representatives, from the counties of Ireland, held in Dublin, for promoting a parliamentary reform, January 20.
- 1786 Commissioners from several of the United States, assembled at Annapolis, Maryland, to consult what measures should be taken to unite the States in some general and efficient system of government; which was the first towards forming the Federal Constitution.
Insurrection in Massachusetts.
Charles River Bridge completed, connecting Boston and Charlestown, at the expense of 13,000l. [Kingdom].
The King of Sweden prohibited the use of torture in his
- 1787 The articles of confederation, originally entered into by the United States, being found essentially defective, a general Convention of delegates from all the States, except Rhode-Island, was held at Philadelphia the summer, with General Washington at their head, for the purpose of framing a general plan of government for the United States; and after 4 months deliberation, fixed on our present excellent Constitution, which has since been ratified by all the States.
- 1788 George Washington was unanimously elected President of the United States, and John Adams Vice President.
- 1789 Congress met at New York, for the first time, under the new Constitution, March 4.
April 30. George Washington was, in due form, publicly invested with the office of President of the United States of America.
July 14. Revolution in France.—Capture of the Bastille.
- 1790 Grand French Confederation in the Champ de Mars.
- 1791 Seven Islands discovered in the South Pacific Ocean, between the Marquesas and the equator, by Capt. Joseph Ingraham, of Boston.
First folio and royal quarto Bibles printed in America by Isaiah Thomas, printer, at Worcester, Massachusetts.—Small quarto at Trenton, New-Jersey, by Isaac Collins.
- 1792 August. The marquis de la Fayette, general of the armies of France, accused of treason; and a price being set upon his head, he quitted the army and Kingdom of France with twelve officers of rank, who were all taken prisoners by the Prussians; the marquis was put in close confinement in the castle of Magdeburg, once the residence of the celebrated Baron Trenck.