

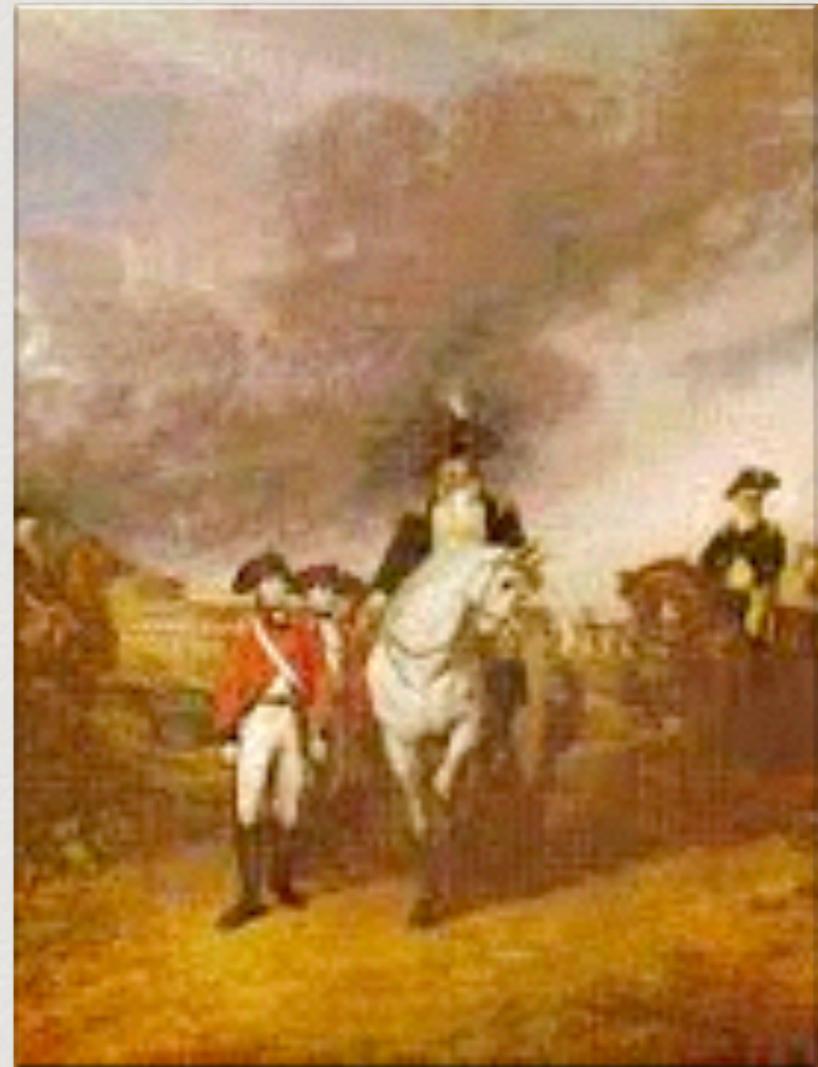
# Battle of Saratoga

- \* British troops reached Saratoga from Quebec and were surrounded and severely outnumbered = Surrendered
- \* Huge military victory, and boosted morale
- \* Convinced the French & Spain to enter the war on the side of the colonists.
- \* \*\* Considered the “Turning Point” in the war for the Colonists \*\*



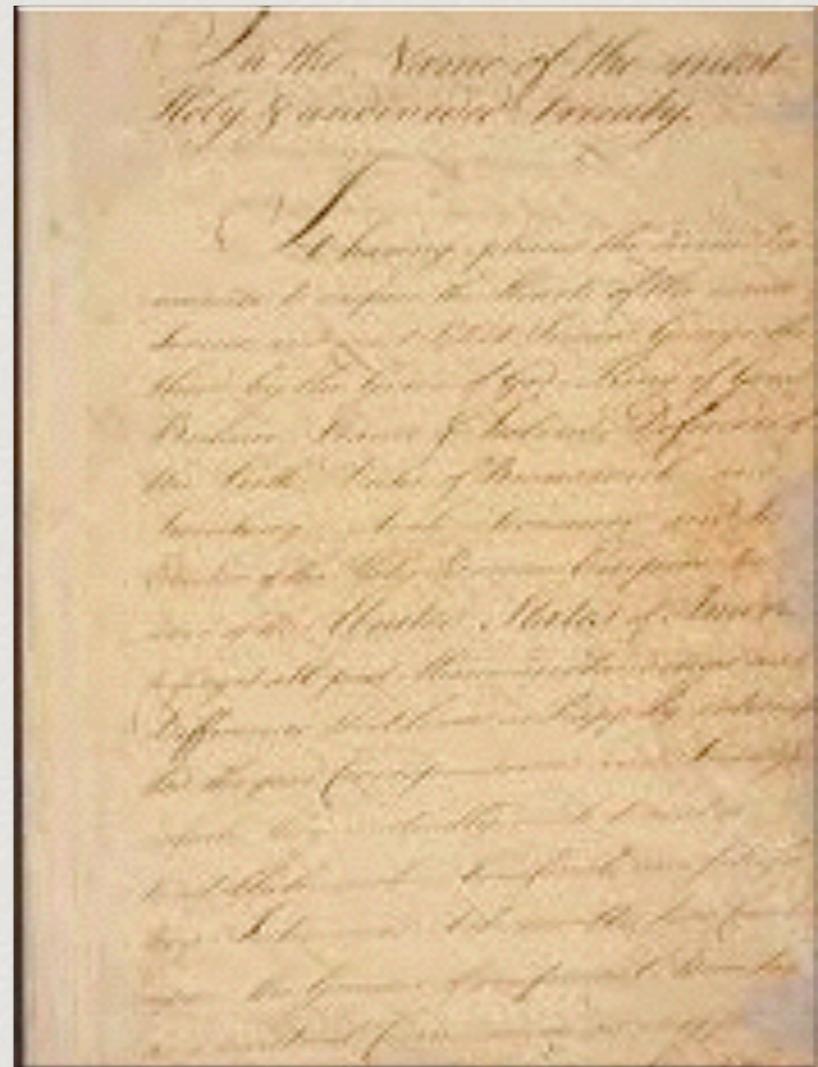
# Battle of Yorktown

- \* Last battle of the Revolution
- \* Parliament did not want to continue after this loss
- \* American Independence!
- \* Western border= Mississippi River
  - \* land west of the river belongs to French & British



# Treaty of Paris

- ◆ Sep. 3, 1783 - Britain recognized the “United States of America”
- ◆ Britain kept Canada & gave Florida back to Spain
- ◆ Nov. 24, 1783 - Last British Troops left New York



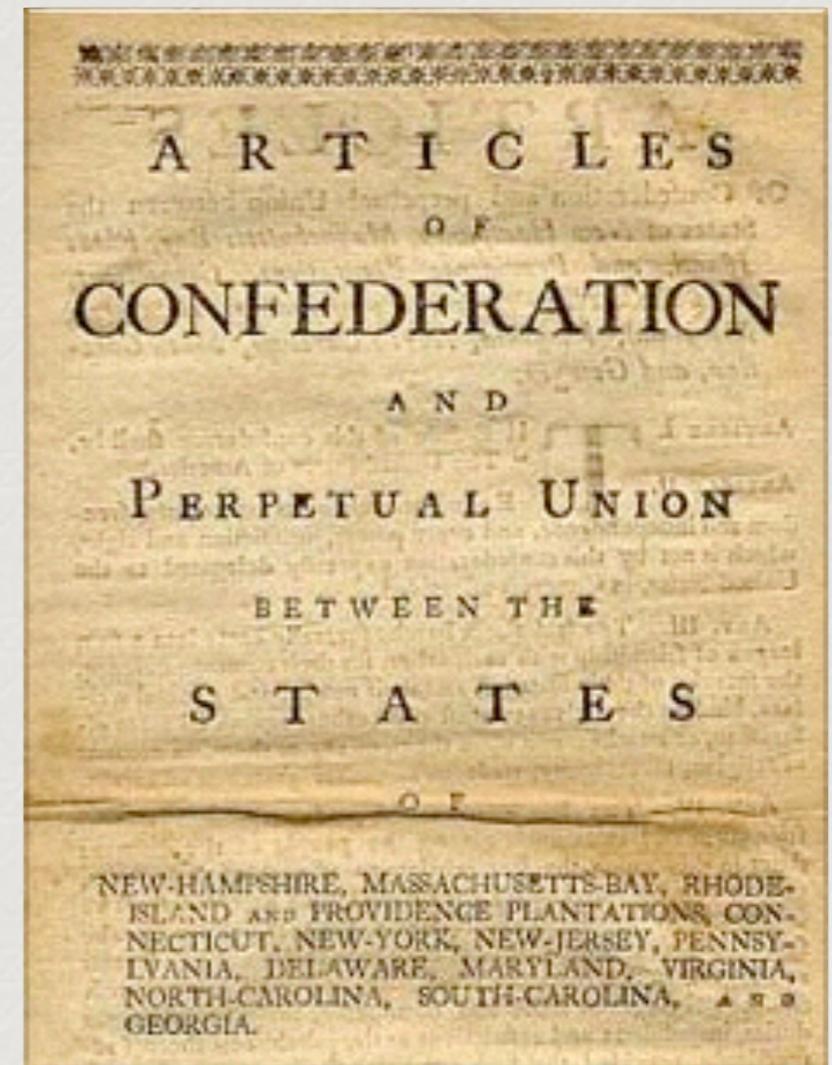


# The Constitution

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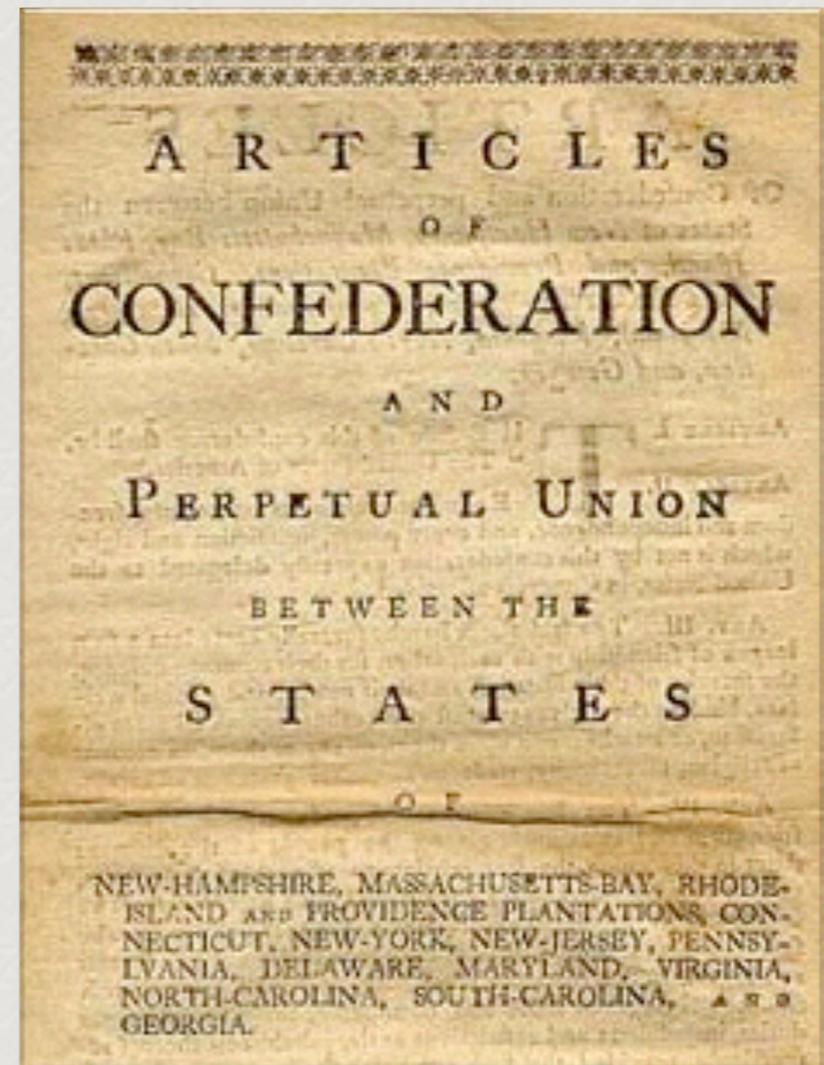
# Government

- ◆ American leaders working to plan a “central govt.” - Most states had “State Constitutions”
- ◆ Wanted to create a gov that was NOT tyrannical.
- ◆ American leaders wanted a republic = power resides w/ citizens who are entitled to vote
- ◆ Articles of Confederation = (1st Constitution)
- ◆ Weakly unified the states = under the Confederation Congress
- ◆ congress had very limited power



# Articles of Confederation

- ◆ Strength = able to negotiate with other nations - raise armies - declare war
- ◆ Weakness - no authority to tax or regulate trade - Each state had only 1 vote no matter size or population - Each state had its own currency system



# Northwest Ordinance 1787

- Major achievement by Confederation Congress
- Plan for selling & governing new land  
“West” of the Appalachian Mountains & “North” of the Ohio River Valley - Hence “North West”
- Ordinance spelled out how states would be created from the new territory
- Guaranteed rights = Freedom of Religion & Freedom from Slavery



# Issues with Weaknesses

- ✦ No tax = Recession = Economic Slowdown
  - Economy collapsing
- ✦ No money to pay for war or new gov expenses
- ✦ Gov. raised taxes to generate money -
- ✦ Hardest Hit = Farmers
- ✦ Daniel Shay - led rebellion w/ 1,200 farmers in protest (Shay's Rebellion)
- ✦ Finally put down by state militia
- ✦ People afraid of the direction the country was going - called for a stronger National Government



# New Constitution

- ◆ Articles of Confederation tooooooo weak
- ◆ 55 delegates met in Philadelphia
- ◆ Met to: revise Articles of Confederation.
- ◆ Meeting called : Constitutional Convention



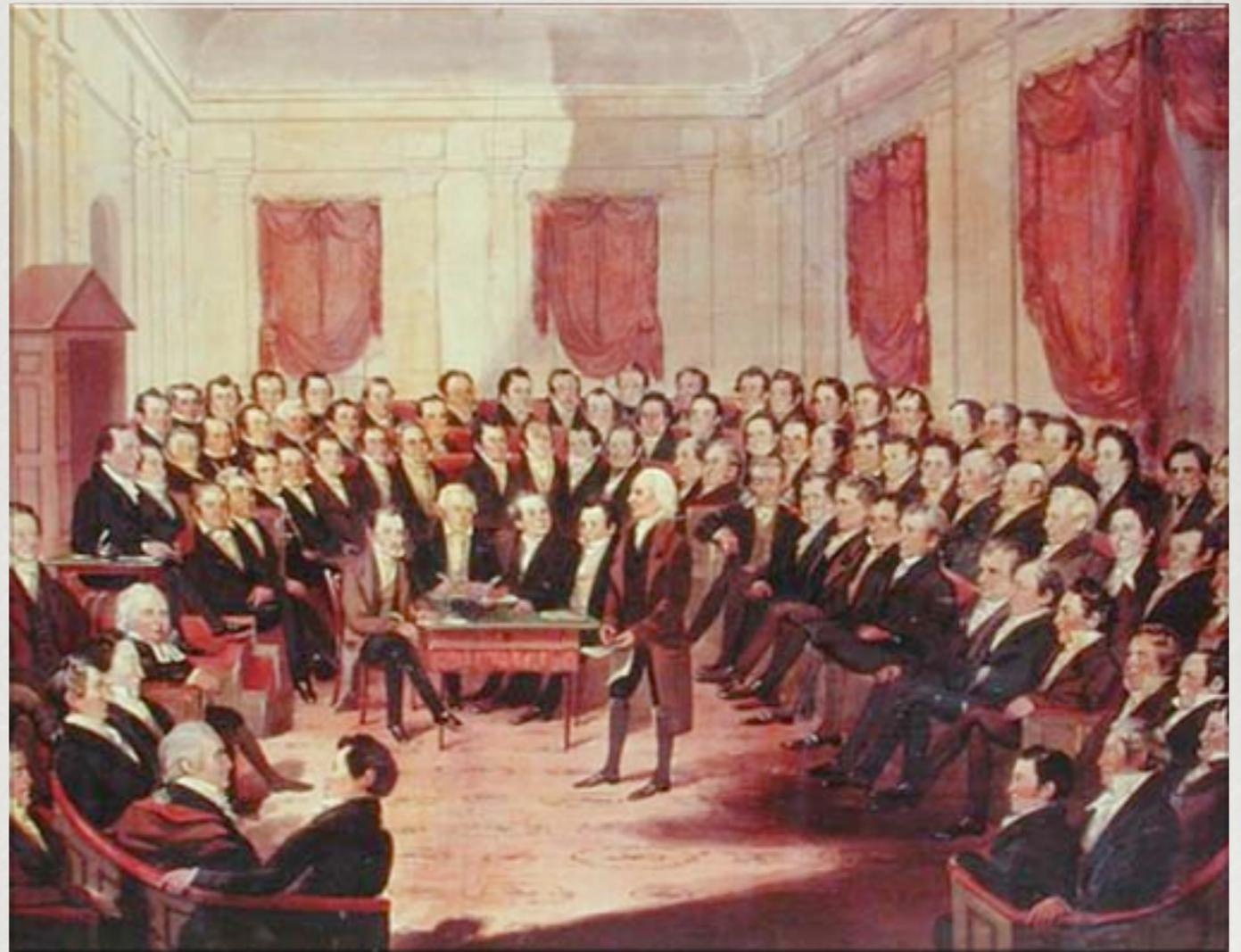
# Constitutional Convention

- ◆ 55 Delegates - Americas top leaders (Colonial Leaders)
- ◆ Decided to scrap the Articles of Confederation & start over



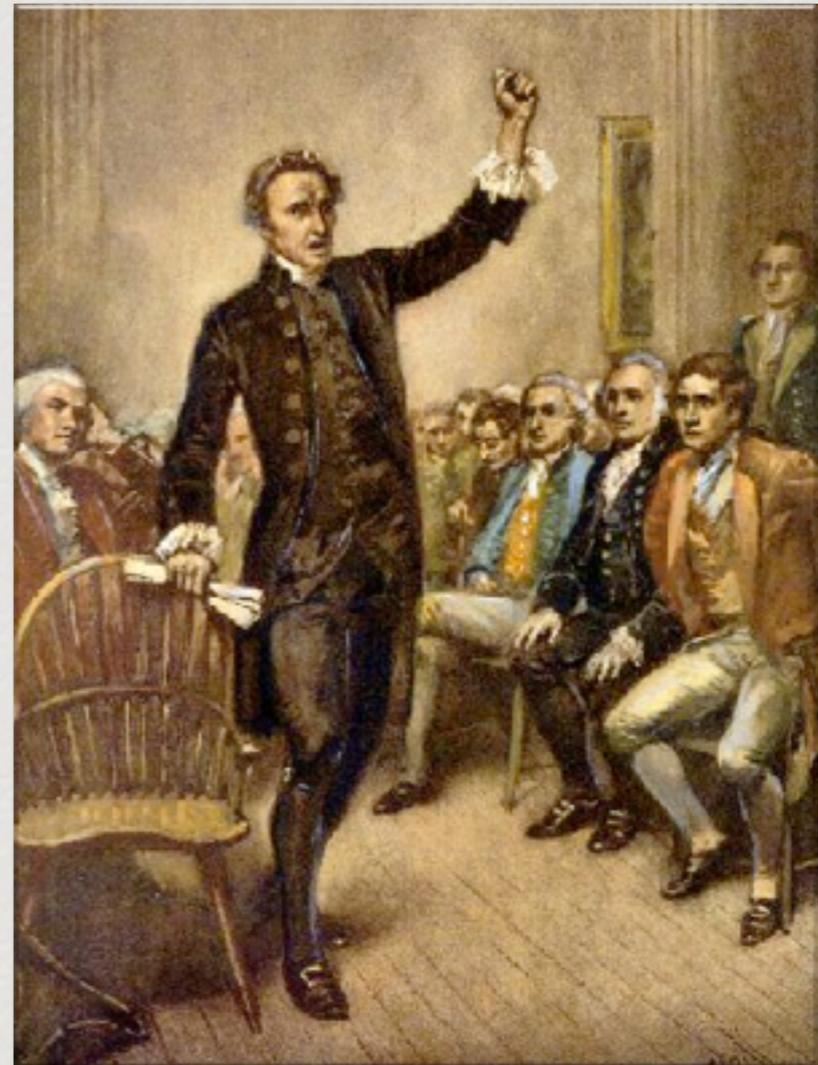
# Debate and Compromise

- ✦ Needed stronger National government
- ✦ Power to:
  - ✦ Tax, make laws, divide govt into 3 branches (separation of powers)



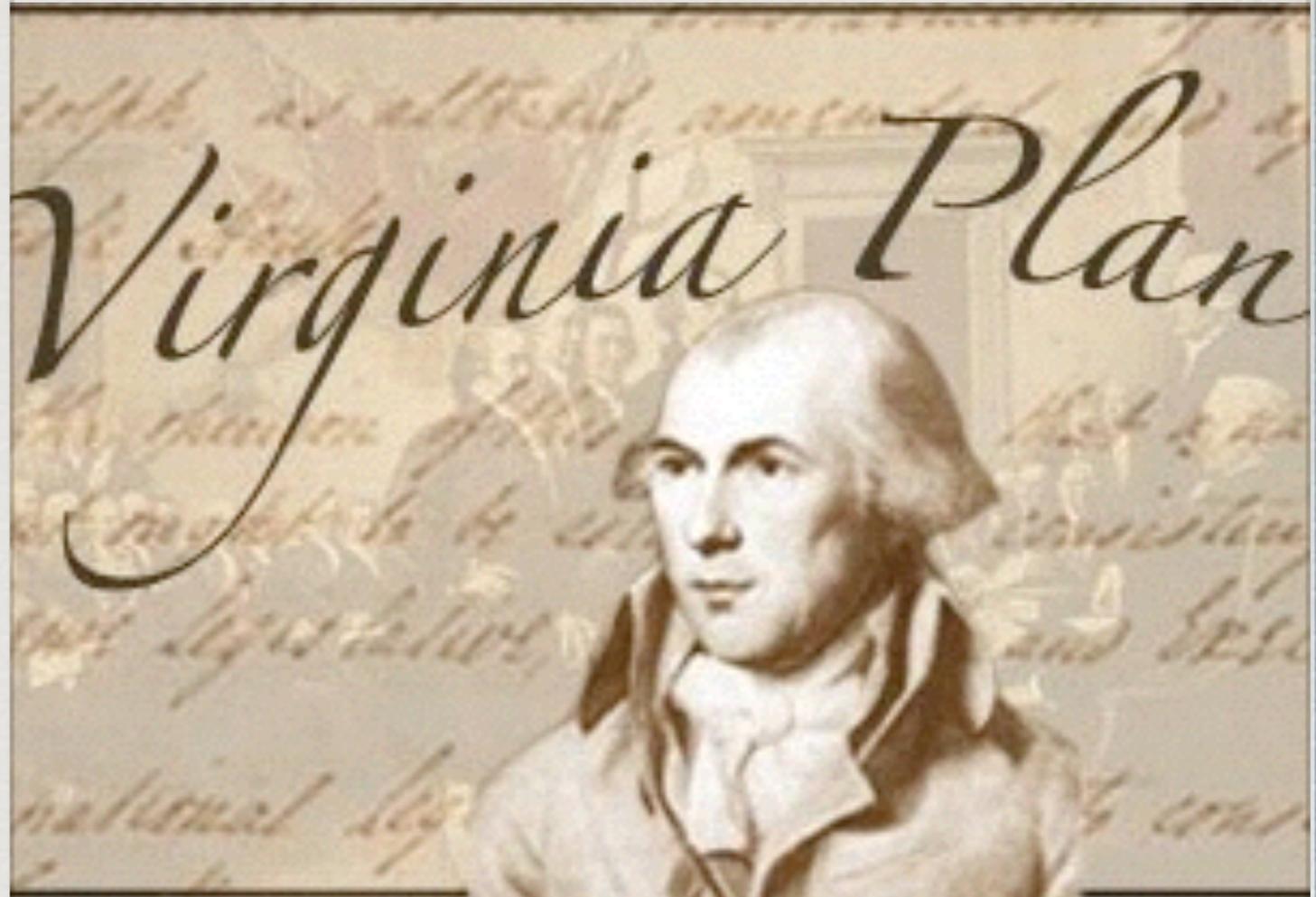
# The Big Debate

- ✦ How would states and people be represented in congress?????
- ✦ 2 plans were created
  - ✦ Virginia plan
  - ✦ New Jersey Plan



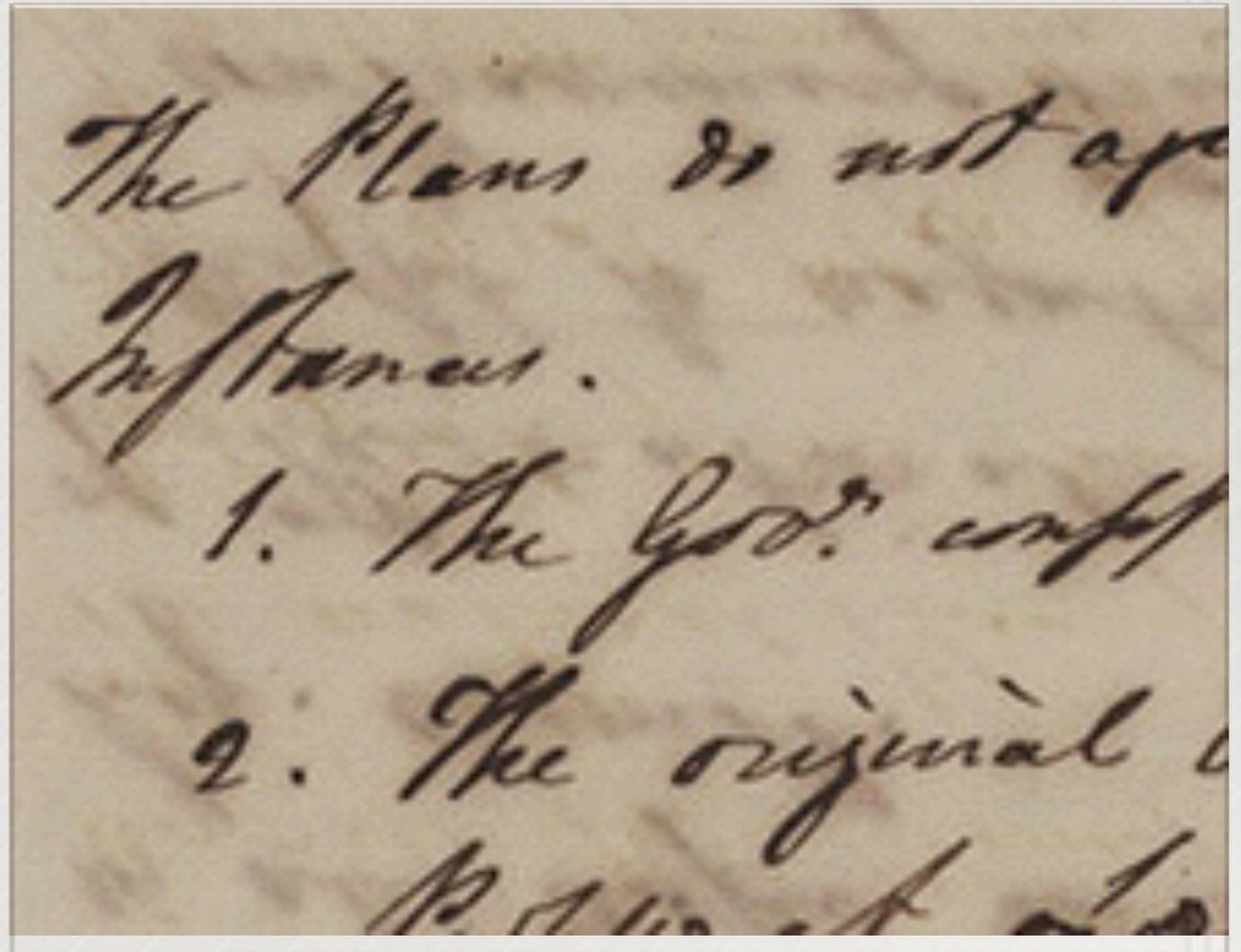
# Virginia Plan

- ✦ James Madison - Creator of Virginia Plan
- ✦ (Big States Plan)
- ✦ Believe representation be based on population numbers



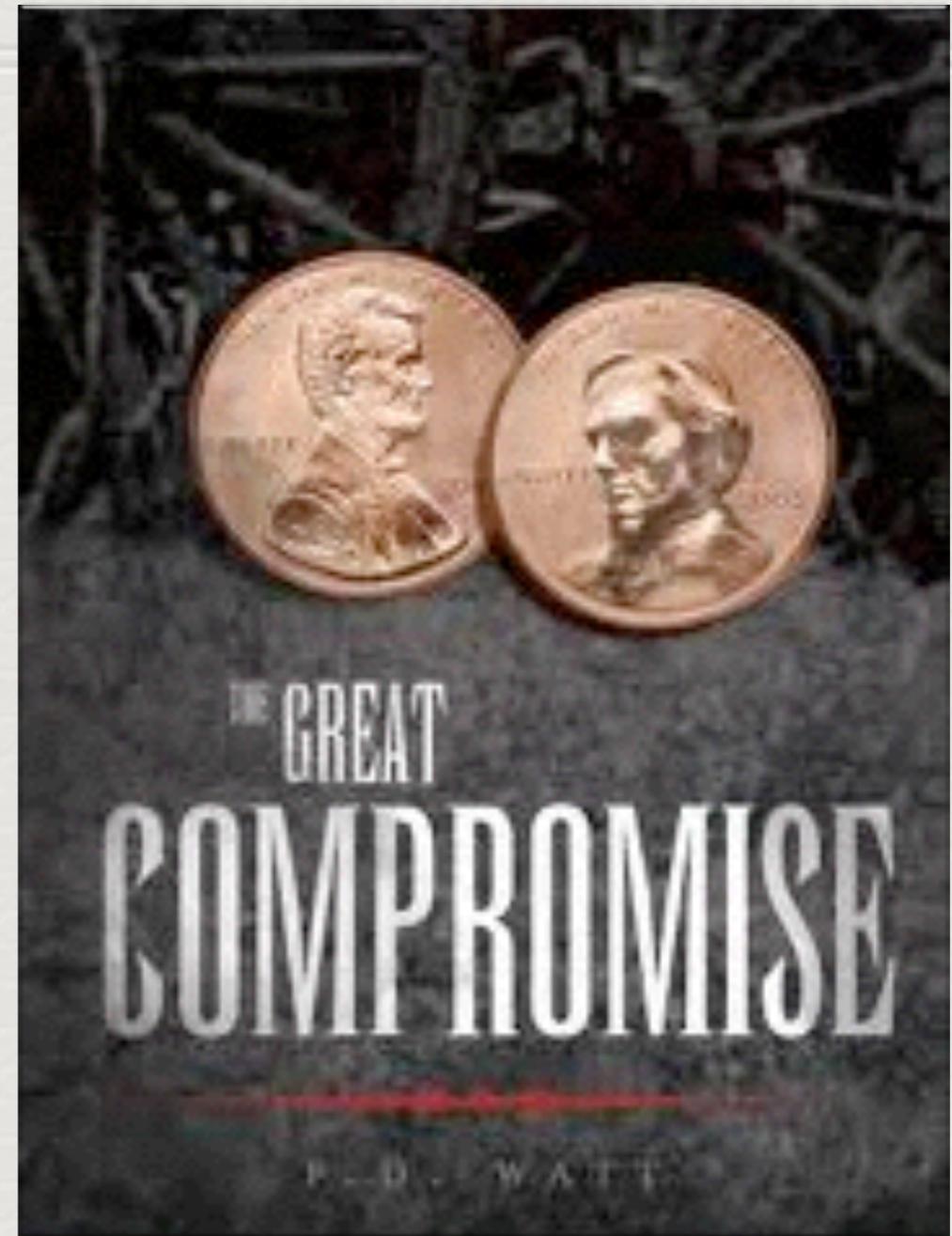
# New Jersey Plan

- ◆ William Patterson -  
Creator of Jersey Plan
- ◆ Representation would be  
same for all states
- ◆ 2 people per state no  
matter the size =



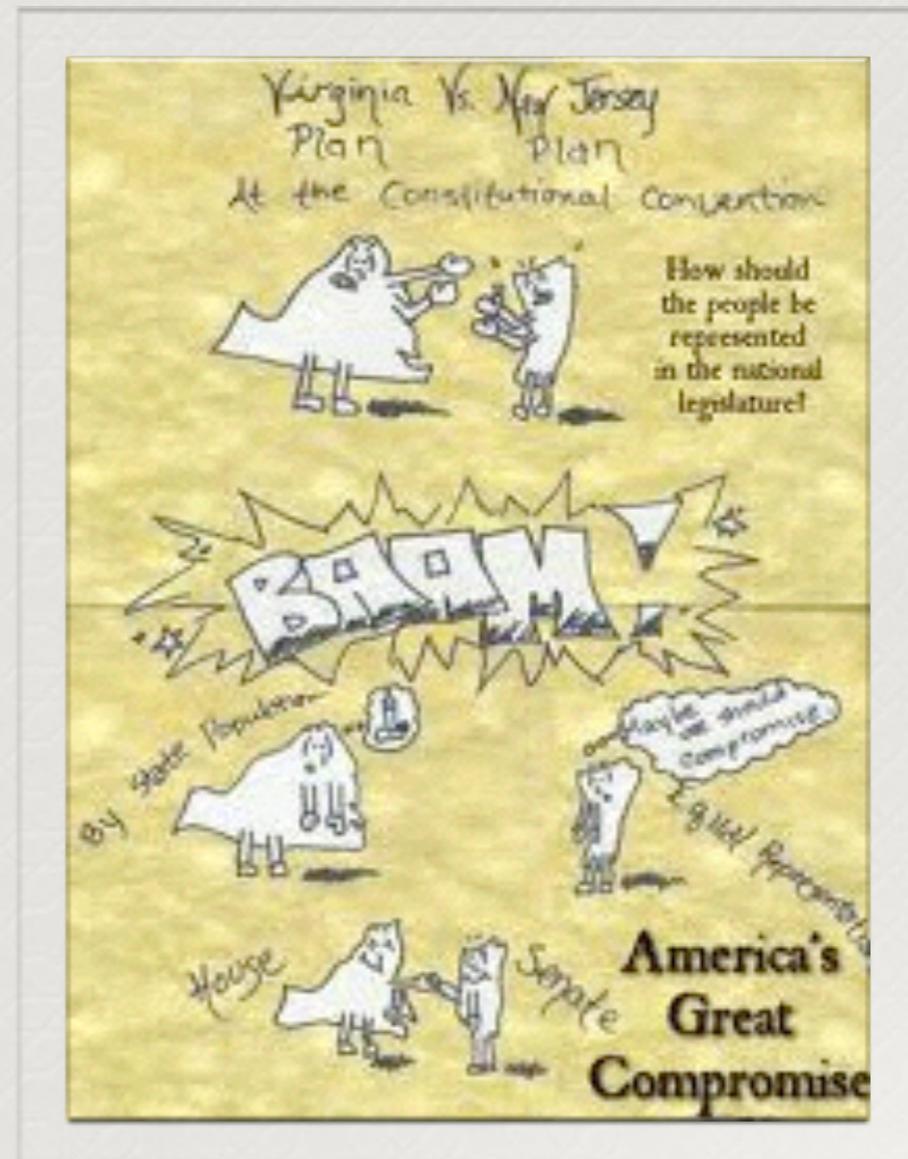
# Great Compromise

- ◆ Congress = would be divided into 2 separate houses
- ◆ 1. House of Representative - (Based on states population)
- ◆ 2. Senate - Each state would have equal representation = 2 reps per state
- ◆ Aka: The Connecticut Compromise



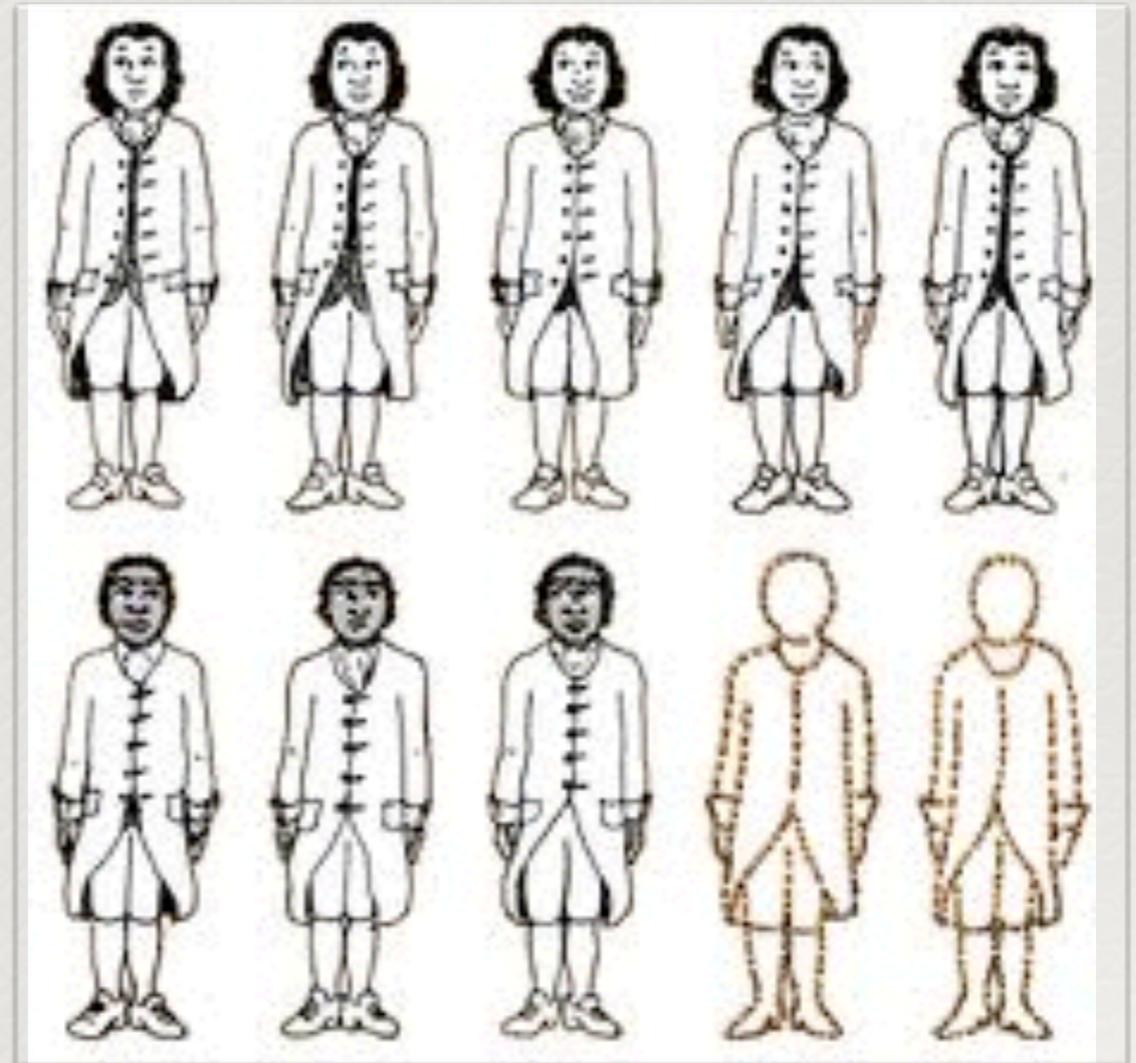
# Controversy.....

- What about slaves..... how do they count for tax and representation purposes?????
- Northern View - think slaves should NOT count since they are not allowed to vote!!
- Southern - Want more representation in House of Representatives - Want slaves to count for population purposes



# 3/5 Compromise

- ◆ 3 out of every 5 would be counted as free people for tax & representation purposes



# New Constitution

- ✦ Separation of Governmental Powers: into 3 branches
  - ✦ Legislative Branch - (Congress)
  - ✦ Executive Branch - (President)
  - ✦ Judicial Branch - (Supreme Courts)
- ✦ Called for a system of “Checks and Balances” Each branch can over-rule another branch so no single branch is all powerful or above the law
- ✦ Constitutional Changes = Amendments = proposal and ratification ( 2/3 proposed, 3/4 ratification)

# Ratification of the Constitution

- ✦ For the Constitution to be ratified (ratified = approved) 9 out of the 13 states had to agree for “Ratification”
- ✦ Supporters of the Constitution were FEDERALISTS (all okay the way it was) - Supported a “Federal” gov! - Rich land owners
- ✦ opponents were ANTI-FEDERALISTS (concerned with who had power & wanted a Bill of Rights)
- ✦ BILL OF RIGHTS: first ten amendments!
- ✦ May 1790 - Constitution Ratified (approved)

# Questions??

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# In Review.....

- ✦ I. The first “Constitution” that weakly held states together was called the \_\_\_\_\_
- ✦ Articles of Confederation
- ✦ II. The meeting of the 55 delegates to revise the Articles of confederation was called?
- ✦ Constitutional Convention
- ✦ III. What were the two plans for population representation?
- ✦ Virginia Plan (based on pop)/ New Jersey Plan(2 per state)
- ✦ IV. What was the final representation decision called?
- ✦ The Great Compromise
- ✦ V. How was the issue of slavery solved for representation & tax purposes?
- ✦ 3/5 Compromise

Questions????