1862 Great distress in the cotton manufacturing districts in consequence of the civil war in America.
Confederate "Alabama" sails from England.
Second international exhibition, May 1.
Marriage of Princess Alice to Louis of Hesse, July 1.
Prince Alfred declines the throne of Greece, Oct. 23.
Serious riots in Ireland.
1863 Continued distress in cotton districts.
Marriage of the Prince of Wales to Princess Alexandra, of Denmark, March 10.
1864 Birth of a son to the Prince of Wales.
Visit of Garibaldi.
The Ionian Islands ceded to Greece.
Powers as to Confederate privateers discussed.
European Conference, at London, on the Schleswig-Holstein question.
1865 Cattle plague in England and Ireland.
Fenian troubles in Ireland; arrest of James Stephens, "Head Center," Nov. 11; escape of Stephens, Nov. 24.
Russell-Gladstone ministry.
Death of Richard Cobden, April 2.
Death of Lord Palmerston, Oct. 18.
Important commercial treaty with Austria, Dec. 16.
1866 Defeat of Lord Russell's reform bill, June 18.
Resignation of Russell ministry, June 26.
Derby forms his third cabinet, July 6.
Cattle plague continues, causing great loss.
Princess Helena marries Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, July 5.
Atlantic cable pronounced a success.
Habeas Corpus suspended in Ireland.
Fenian invasion of Canada.
1867 New reform act passed.
War with Abyssinia begins, caused by imprisonment of British subjects.
Sir Robert Napier commands expedition.
Fenian outbreaks in Ireland.
Disraeli's reform bill.
The Dominion of Canada formed.
1868 Derby ministry resigns, Feb. 25.
Disraeli forms new ministry, Feb. 25.
Gladstone's bill for Disestablishment of Irish Church passes the House, April 30.
Scotch and Irish reform acts passed, July 13.
Dissolution of Parliament, Dec. 10.
Resignation of Disraeli ministry.
Gladstone forms new ministry, Dec. 9.
Successful termination of the Abyssinian war.
The suicide of Theodore, King of Abyssinia, April 13.
1869 Convention on "Alabama Claims" signed; it is rejected by the United States.
Earl Spencer appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.
Irish Church bill receives the royal assent, July 26.
Death of the Earl of Derby, Oct. 23.
1870 Measures adopted for the spread of primary education.
Land bill of Ireland receives royal assent, July 8.
Education bill.
Neutrality in France.
Prussian war proclaimed, July 19.
Neutrality of Belgium guaranteed, Aug. 11.
Resignation of John Bright, Dec. 20.
Death of the Earl of Clarendon, June 26.
1871 Princess Louise marries the Marquis of Lorne, March 20.
Black Sea Conference, March 13.
Treaty with the United States regarding Alabama claims, May 8.
The Irish Church Disestablishment bill goes into effect.
Meeting of the Alabama Claims Commission at Geneva.
University tests abolished; army purchase abolished.
The Ballot Act passed.
Serious illness of the Prince of Wales.
Scott centenary at Edinburgh.
Great riots in Dublin.
1872 Supplemental treaty with the United States concerning Alabama claims, Feb. 3.
A national thanksgiving for recovery of the Prince of Wales, Feb. 27.
O'Connor threatens the Queen, Feb. 29.
Settlement of the Alabama claims, Sept. 14.
Scotch educational bill.
Commercial treaty with France, Nov. 5.
Serious riots in Belfast.
1873 Abolition of tests in the Irish Universities.
Payment of the Geneva award.
Death of Lord Lytton, Jan. 18.
Defeat of the Dublin University bill.
Resignation of the Gladstone ministry, March 13; ministry resumes office, March 17.
The Shah of Persia visits England.
Passage of the Judicature bill, Aug. 5.
War with the Ashantees; Sir Garnet Wolseley placed in command.
1874 Irish educational bill fails.
Marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to Marie Alexandrovna of Russia, Jan. 23.
Celebrated Tichborne trial, Feb. 28.
Defeat of Ashantees, Jan. 31, and treaty of peace signed, Feb. 13.
Disraeli becomes Prime Minister.
1875 Reopening of the Eastern question.
The Prince of Wales visits India.
France passes the English Channel Tunnel bill.
1876 Great revival under Moody and Sankey.
England purchases the Suez canal.
O'Connell centenary in Ireland.
Queen of England proclaimed Empress of India, March 1.
Bulgarian atrocities produce intense excitement in England.
Defeat of "Home Rule" for Ireland.
Disraeli raised to the peerage as the Earl of Beaconsfield.
England takes part in the Eastern question.
1877 Great Britain expresses her disapproval of the Russo-Turkish war, but decides to remain neutral.
Duke of Marlborough made Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.
Rejection of Gladstone's resolutions in regard to Turkey.
1878 Russian advance on Constantinople produces great excitement in England.
Several changes in the ministry.
Earl of Leitrim shot in Ireland.
Beaconsfield and Salisbury represent England in the Berlin Conference.
Great commercial depression in England.
British Afghanistan war.
General Roberts' victory at Piewas Pass, Dec. 2.
Jellalabad occupied by the British, Dec. 20.
1879 Yakoob Khan recognized as Ameer of Afghan, May 9; retirement of British troops; treaty of peace signed, May 26.
British residents at Cabul massacred, Sept. 3; Gen. Roberts reaches Cabul, Sept. 28; abdication of Yakoob Khan, Oct. 19; British defeat Afghans at Sherpur, Dec. 23.
Zulu, South Africa, war; British troops enter Zululand, Jan. 12; massacre of Isandula, Jan. 22.
Victory at Kambula, March 29; Prince Louis Napoleon, son of Emperor Napoleon III., killed by Zulus, June 1; Sir Garnet Wolseley takes command, June 23; battle of Ulundi, total defeat of the Zulu king, Cetewayo, July 4; capture of Cetewayo, Aug. 28.
Great distress and famine in Ireland.
Parnell visits the United States in behalf of the Land League.
Anti-rent agitation in Ireland.
1880 Continued fighting in Afghan; Shere Ali made Governor of Candahar; Yakoob Khan attacks Candahar and repulses Gen. Burrows, Aug. 27; sortie from Candahar fails, Aug. 16; Gen. Roberts relieves Candahar, Aug. 31; defeats Yakoob Khan, Sept. 1.
Resignation of the Beaconsfield Ministry, April 22; Gladstone forms a new ministry, April 29.
Compensation for Disturbance Bill rejected.
Lord Montmorris shot, Sept. 25.
"Boycotting" practiced.
Arrest of Parnell, Healy and others on charge of conspiracy to prevent payment of rent.
1881 Duke of Argyle resigns from cabinet, April 8.
Death of Lord Beaconsfield.
Lord Salisbury the Conservative Leader.
Bradlaugh excluded from House of Commons.
Coercion Act for Ireland passed, March 21.
Irish Land Bill passed, Aug. 16.
Yakoob Khan routs the Ameer and enters Candahar.
Parnell arrested under Coercion Act, Oct. 13.
Land League declared illegal, Oct. 20.
Yakoob Khan defeated by the Ameer, Sept. 22.
Agrarian outrages in Ireland.
1882 Attempt on the Queen's life by McLean, March 2.
State trial of McLean, who is adjudged insane.
Prince Leopold married to Princess Helena of Waldeck, April 27.
Earl Spencer appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.
Lord Frederick Cavendish appointed Chief Secretary of Ireland.
Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, Under Secretary, assassinated, in Dublin, May 6.
Otto Trevelyan succeeds Lord Cavendish.
The Repression of Crime bill passed, July 11.
John Bright resigns, July 15, as a member of Gladstone's Cabinet, owing to Egyptian policy.
The "Cloture" bill passed, permitting closing of debate by majority vote.
Fiftieth anniversary of Gladstone's entry into public life, Dec. 13.
Prayers offered in the Mosques of Cairo for the Queen, Dec. 13.
Fire in Hampton Court Palace, Dec. 14.
Arrears of Rent bill passed.
Married woman's property assessed.
Anglo-Turkish Military Convention informally signed, Sept. 6.
War in Egypt (q. v.)
1883 The assassins of Mr. Burke and Lord Cavendish identified, Feb. 10.
Opening of the Royal College of Music, May 1.
The Marquis of Lansdowne appointed Governor-General of Canada.
New Parcel Post first in operation, Aug. 1.
Annexation of territory on African west coast proclaimed, Aug. 23.
Surrender of Cetewayo to the British residents, Oct. 6.
Sir J. H. Glover appointed Governor of Newfoundland, Dec. 19.
1884 New Patents Act goes into operation, Jan. 1.
Departure of Gen. Gordon for Egypt, Jan. 18.
The Queen visits Darmstadt, April 16.
Death of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, March 28, aged 29.
Monster reform demonstration in London, July 21.
Jubilee of the abolition of slavery celebrated in London, Aug. 1.
Serious anti-Salvation riots, at Worthing, Aug. 17.
Earl of Dufferin appointed to the Vice-Royalty of India, Sept. 10.
Greenwich adopted as the universal prime meridian, Oct. 13.
Portuguese fire upon the British ship Tyburnia, at Madeira, Dec. 3.
Anti-Mormon riot in Sheffield, Dec. 7.
Attempt to blow up London Bridge, Dec. 15.
Lord Rea appointed Governor of Bombay, Dec. 13.
1885 Attempt to blow up the House of Commons, Westminster Hall and Tower of London, Jan. 24.
The fall of Khartoum, and death of Gordon, Jan. 26.
Opening of the Mersey tunnel, Feb. 13.
The reserve forces and militia forces called out, March 26.
The revised Bible published, May 18.
Princess Beatrice marries Prince Henry, of Battenburg, July 23.
Death of Sir Moses Montefiore, aged 101, July 28.
1885 Grant memorial services at Westminster, Aug. 4.
1886 Parnell's land bill defeated, Sept. 21.
1887 Queen's Jubilee inaugurated, June 21.
Irish Crimes Bill passed, July 8.
Irish National League proclaimed, Aug. 19.
1888 First White Chapel murder, April 2.
U. S. Fishery Commission treaty signed.
1889 Marriage of Princess Louise of Wales, July 27.
1890 Rejection of overtures from the Pope, Aug. 11.
Split in the Irish Parliamentary Party, Dec. 6.
1891 Newfoundland fishery dispute, March-May.
U. S. World's Fair invitation accepted, May.
1893 Battleship "Victoria" sunk by the "Camperdown," off the Syrian coast, 400 men perished.
The Duke of York married Princess Mary of Teck, July 6.
Manchester Ship Canal opened, Dec. 7.
1895 Defeat of the Liberal party and fall of the Rosebery Cabinet; is succeeded by the Earl of Salisbury and a new Radical Cabinet.
1899 Beginning of Boer War in So. Africa, Oct. 11.
1901 Queen Victoria Died, Jan. 22.
King Edward VII. ascends throne.
1902 Boer War, in South Africa, ended in May.

# AUSTRALIA.

1770 Captain Cook, Sir Joseph Banks and others land at Botany Bay and name the country New South Wales, April 28.
1773 Explorations of Furneaux.
1774 Capt. Cook explores Australia and New Zealand.
1777 Capt. Cook makes a third voyage of exploration.
1788 First landing of English convicts at Port Jackson.
Phillips, first Governor, founds Sydney, with 1,039 persons, Jan. 26.
1789-'92 Voyage of Bligh.
1790 Distress, owing to the loss of the storeship "Guardian."
1793 First house for Public Worship erected.
1795 First publication of Government Gazette.
1798 Bass' Straits discovered, by Bass and Flinders.
1800-'05 Explorations and surveys of the coast of Australia, by Grant and Flinders.
1802 First brick church built.
1803 Van Dieman's Land, now Tasmania, established; first settlement made at Port Philip.
1804 Insurrection of Irish convicts repressed.
1808 Gov. Bligh deposed for tyranny and sent home; succeeded by Mac Quarrie.
1817-'23 Explorations into the interior of Australia, by Wentworth, Lawson, Blox-and, Oxley and others.
1820 Settlement of King George's Sound formed.
1828 South Australia explored by Stuart.
1829 West Australia made a province; a Legislative Council established and Capt. Sterling appointed Lieutenant-Governor.
1830 Stuart further explores South Australia.
Fifty ships, with 2,000 emigrants, arrive in Western Australia.
1831 East Australia explored by Sir T. Mitchell.
1834 Boundaries of the province of South Australia fixed.
1835 First Roman Catholic bishop arrives.
Port Phillip, now Victoria, colonized.
1836 Sir George Sherbrooke becomes Governor of Lower Canada.
Arrival of first Church of England Bishop.
Adelaide founded.
Eyre's expedition overland from Adelaide to King George's Sound.
Melbourne founded.
1838 Explorations of Capt. Gray in northwest Australia.
1839 New South Wales and Tasmania explored by Count Stizelecki.
Alleged discovery of gold in Bathurst kept secret by Gov. Gipps.
Suspension of transportation.
1840 Eyre explores West Australia.
Stizelecki explores the Australian Alps.
1841 Census, 87,200 males; 43,700 females.
1842 Incorporation of the City of Sydney.
Discovery of the Burra-Burra copper mines, in South Australia.
1844-'48 Explorations of Leichhardt, Stuart, Mitchell, Gregory and Kennedy.
1846 Fitzroy made Governor-General.
Census, 114,700 males; 74,800 females.
1847 Bishopric of Adelaide founded.
1848 Leichhardt starts on second exploration; party never heard of again.
Kennedy killed by natives.
Gregory explores the interior.
1849 Great agitation against transportation.
1850 Port Philip erected into the province of Victoria.
1851 Gold discovered, near Bathurst, by Edward Hargreaves; intense excitement in the provinces; great rush to the gold regions.
1854 Sir William Dennison appointed Governor-General.
1855 Gregory's expedition into the interior.
1858-'65 J. McDonald Stuart's expeditions.
Death of Archdeacon Cowper, after nearly fifty years' residence, aged 80.
1859 Province of Queensland established, Dec. 4.
1860 Burke and Willis and two others cross the continent, starting from Melbourne Aug. 20; all perish on the return, next year, except John King.
Sir John Young, Governor of New South Wales.
1861 Stuart and M'Kinlay cross from sea to sea.
1863 Recovery of the remains of Burke and Willis.
1864 General resistance throughout the provinces against transportation.
1865 Death of Morgan, a desperate bushranger and murderer.
Cessation of transportation to Australia in three years announced.
Settlement of boundary between New South Wales and Victoria, April 19.
1866 Population of Australia, natives excluded, 1,298,667.
1867 Capt. Cadell explores South Australia; discovers mouth of river Roper.
Meeting of Convention from Colonies at Melbourne, to arrange postal communication with Europe.
1871 Delegates from the Colonies meet to protest against imperial interference with their mutual fiscal arrangements, Sept. 27.
1872 Telegraphic communication with England.
Synod of the Church of Australia and Tasmania held at Sydney, Oct. 25.
1876 Willshire explores Daly and Victoria rivers.
1879 International Exhibition at Sydney opened Sept. 17.
1880 Melbourne Exhibition opened Oct. 1.
Tahiti annexed to France.
The Queensland government authorizes the construction of the trans-continental railway, to bring the colonies within thirty days of England.
1881 Railroad completed from Sydney to Murray River, connecting with Melbourne.
Inter-colonial conference at Sydney to consider federal action.
Majority vote in favor of a tariff commission and the establishment of an Australian Court of Appeal.
1882 Terrible mining accident at Creswick Talbot, Victoria, Dec. 14.
1883 Confederation of the colonies and annexation of Papua, New Guinea.
Opening of the New University of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Oct. 24.
1885 New South Wales contingent leaves Sydney for the Soudan, March 3.
1890 Fire in Sydney causing a loss of $7,500,000, Oct. 2.
1891 Federation Convention draft a Constitution for the Commonwealth of Australia, April 3.
1893 Serious floods in Queensland, property and life lost.
1895 Great panic in the money market; many banks and business houses fail.

# CANADA.

1767 English Stamp Act accepted by Canadian Provinces.
1768 Sir Guy Carleton Governor.
Great fire in Montreal.
1774 Roman Catholic citizens of Canada confirmed in their political rights and property.
1775 Legislative council of 23 members appointed.
Commencement of the American War of Independence.
Invasion of Canada by the Americans, under Montgomery and B. Arnold.
Fort St. John taken by Montgomery, Nov. 3.
Montreal captured, Nov. 12.
Arnold's attack on Quebec repulsed, Nov. 14.
Arnold and Montgomery attack Quebec, December 31.
Failure of attack and death of Montgomery.
1776 The Americans retreat from Canada, June 18.
1784 Settlement of Upper Canada.
1791 Canada is given a constitution, and is divided into upper and lower provinces.
1792 First House of Assembly opened.
1794 Toronto made the capital of Upper Canada.
1803 Slavery abolished in Canada.
1812 Second war between the United States and Great Britain.
Capture of Detroit by the British, Aug. 15.
Surrender of General Wordsworth, Oct. 14.
Van Rensselear capitulates, Nov. 27.
1812 Americans carry Queenstown Heights.
Death of General Brock.
1813 Americans defeated at Frenchtown.
Capture of Toronto, April 27, and Fort George, May 27, by the Americans.
Defeat of the British at Sacketts Harbor, May 29.
Victory of Americans at Stony Creek, June 6.
Indecisive battle of Williamsburg, Nov. 7.
Commodore Perry's victory on Lake Erie.
Capture of English squadron.
Defeat of Proctor at the Thames, and death of Tecumseh.
1814 United States troops successful at battle of Longwood, March 4.
Defeat of the British at Chippewa, July 25.
Battle of Lundy's Lane.
Naval battle on Lake Champlain.
Treaty of Ghent closes the war.
1816 Sir George Sherbrooke becomes Governor of Lower Canada.
1817 Political agitation in Upper Canada.
Career of Robert Gourlay.
1818 Duke of Richmond appointed Governor of Lower Canada.
1822 Antagonism between the French and English inhabitants of Lower Canada.
1824 Welland Canal incorporated.
First agitation against the Orangemen.
1825 Agitation in Upper Canada on the alien bill.
1826 Mackenzie's printing office destroyed by a mob.
1828 Petition against misuse of revenues.
1829 First agitation for a responsible government in Upper Canada.
1830 Lord Aylmer becomes Governor of Lower Canada.
1832 Imperial duties surrendered to the Canadian Assembly.
1835 The Pupineau party aim at a total separation from Great Britain.
1836 First Canadian railway opened.
House of Assembly refuse supplies.
1837 Coercive measure of the British Parliament.
House of Assembly of Lower Canada refuses to transact business.
"Sons of Liberty" rise in Montreal.
Commercial crisis in Canada and the United States.
Troops withdrawn from Upper Canada.
Rebellion in Upper Canada begins.
Attempt the capture of Toronto, Dec. 4.
Totally defeated by St. Eustace, Dec. 14.
Rebels receive aid from sympathizers in the United States.
Affair of the "Caroline."
1838 Sir John Colborne appointed Governor, Jan. 16.
Affairs of the "Anne" and the "Sir Robert Peel."
End of the rebellion in Upper Canada.
Resignation of Sir Francis Head, who is succeeded by Lord Durham.
1839 Union of Upper and Lower Canada.
Lord Sydenham appointed Governor.
1840 Settlement of the clergy reserves question.
Responsible government established.
Death of Lord Sydenham.
Charles P. Thompson Governor.
1843 Sir Charles Metcalf appointed Governor.
1844 Government removed from Kingston to Montreal.
1845 Great fire in Quebec.
1847 Earl Cathcart Governor.
Lord Elgin Governor-General, October.
Agitation over the Rebellion Losses bill.
1848 Continued agitation over the Rebellion Losses bill.
1849 Annexation to the United States advocated by the opposition.
Great riots in Montreal.
Destruction of Parliament House, April 25.
Attack on Lord Elgin.
Subsidence of the agitation.
1850 Reciprocity with United States urged.
1851 Construction of new railways.
Cheaper postage rates introduced.
1852 Great fire at Montreal.
Government removed to Quebec.
1853 Clergy reserves abolished by English Parliament, May 9.
1854 Close of Lord Elgin's administration.
Prosperous condition of Canada.
Treaty with the United States, June 7.
1855 Sir Edmund W. Head Governor-General.
1856 Sir John A. Macdonald, the Attorney-General, becomes leader of the Conservatives.
Opening of railway from Quebec to Toronto, Nov. 12.
The first railway accident in Canada.
Quebec made the seat of government.
**1857 Stringency** in the money market caused by the mutiny in India.
1858 Ottawa, formerly Bytown, made the seat of the provincial government by Queen Victoria; the opposition defeat this scheme.
1860 Visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada.
1861 Great fire in Quebec, June 7.
Commencement of the civil war in the United States; fears of hostilities with that nation.
Lord Monck made Governor-General, Nov. 28.
British troops sent to Canada on account of "Trent" affair.
Resignation of ministry; Macdonald forms a new cabinet.
1862 Death of Sir Allan M'Nab.
1864 Delegates assemble at Quebec to discuss confederation of American colonies, Oct. 10.
Confederate refugees make a raid from Canada on St. Albans, Vt., Oct. 19; Canadians arrest them upon their return, followed by their discharge, Dec. 14; General Dix proclaims reprisals; order rescinded by President Lincoln.
1865 Parliament agrees to a confederation.
Great fire at Quebec.
Canada Parliament vote £50,000 for defense of the Dominion, March 23.
Canada consents to union of the provinces, April 1.
1866 First Parliament of the Dominion meets at Ottawa, June 7.
Discovery of gold in Hastings County, November.
Termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States.
Fenian invasion threatened.
Fenians under O'Neill, across into Canada; Canadian volunteers drive them back and disperse them.
Habeas Corpus suspended.
Mr. Galt's new tariff.
1867 Formation of the Dominion of Canada by the confederation of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, March 29.
Lord Monck appointed Viceroy, July 2.
Canadian Railway Loan act passed, April 12.
1868 Sir John Young becomes Governor-General, Nov. 27.
1869 Hudson Bay territories purchased for £300,000.
1870 Second Fenian raid repelled by militia; the leader, O'Neill, captured by United States troops.
Manitoba, formerly Rupert's Land, formed and becomes a part of the Dominion of Canada.
Prince Alfred visits Canada.
1871 British Columbia joins the Dominion of Canada.
Discussion of the Fisheries question.
1872 Prince Edward's Island becomes a part of the Dominion of Canada.
Earl of Dufferin becomes Governor-General.
1873 Macdonald's ministry charged with corruption, and forced to resign; new ministry formed by Mackenzie.
1875 Rejection of Reciprocity Treaty by United States.
1876 Destruction of St. Hyacinthe by fire, Sept. 3.
1877 United States and Canada Fishery Commission, at Halifax, award Canada $5,500,000.
1878 The Marquis of Lorne, son-in-law of Queen Victoria, appointed Viceroy, Oct. 14.
Fortune Bay outrages.
United States pay Fishery award, Nov. 21.
Arrival of Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, Nov. 25.
1879 Industrial Exposition at Ottawa.
1880 Earl of Salisbury refuses compensation for Fortune Bay affair; Lord Granville grants it.
1881 $75,000 award for Fortune Bay outrages.
Bill to construct railroad from Halifax to Buzzard Inlet passed, June 31.
Patents issued to Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Feb. 16.
1883 The Marquis of Lansdowne appointed Governor-General, May 21.
Sir John Hawley Glover appointed Governor of Newfoundland.
1884 Meeting of the British Association, at Montreal, Aug. 27.
Dynamite explosions at Quebec, Oct. 11.
1885 Opening conflict at Fish Creek with the half-breed and Indian rebels, under Louis Riel, April 24.
Capture, near Batoche, of Louis Riel.
1886 Opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
Resolution against the Coercion Bill passed April 26.
1888 Newfoundland refuses to join Canada, April.
Lord Stanley made Governor, June 11.
1889 Weldon Extradition Bill passed, April 26.
1890 Toronto University burned, Feb. 14.
1891 Government party sustained at general election, March 6.
General census taken April 5.
1893 Earl of Aberdeen appointed Governor-General, May 11.
1895 School war in Manitoba.

# UNITED STATES.

1765 First Medical College established in Philadelphia.
The Stamp Act passed, in England, March 22.
Virginia resolutions against right of taxation, May 29.
A congress of the colonies proposed by Massachusetts, June 26.
Congress of 27 delegates meet at New York and publish a declaration of the rights and rules against the Stamp Act, Oct. 7.
Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware and Maryland unite in resisting Stamp Act, November.
1766 Dr. Franklin visits England, and is examined before the House of Commons, in February.
Stamp Act repealed, March 18.
Stage route between Providence and Boston established.
Philip Embury and Captain Webb first introduce Methodism in America.
1767 An obnoxious tax imposed on paper, glass, tea and painters' colors imported by the colonies.
Colonies adopt a non-importation agreement.
Mason and Dixon, sent out by the heirs of Wm. Penn and Lord Baltimore, run a line to define the boundaries of their possessions. It afterwards became the acknowledged line between the free and slave states.
1768 Meeting of a convention of delegates called by Massachusetts, at Fanuel Hall, Boston.
A military force stationed in Boston by the British government under General Gates.
1769 The Governor of Virginia dissolves the House of Burgess.
The assembly of North Carolina dissolved by the Governor.
Goods sent to Boston from Great Britain refused and sent back.
First paper mill erected at Milton.
1770 Boston massacre, March 5; British soldiers kill three and wound four citizens.
Repeal of the duties on tea.
1771 Insurrection in North Carolina against the government officers by regulators; rebellion suppressed, May 16, by Governor Tryon and six regulators hanged.
1772 The British man-of-war Gaspee burned in Narragansett Bay by Americans from Providence.
1773 First American Methodist Conference, consisting of ten ministers, all of foreign birth.
Blind Asylum established at Williamsburgh, Va., the first in America.
The cargoes of the tea-ships in Boston thrown into the harbor by masked men, Dec. 16.
1774 Boston Port Bill deprives Boston of its port rights, March 25.
Meeting of the Continental or Second Colonial Congress, at Philadelphia, Sept. 5.
Congress issues a Declaration of Rights, Nov. 4.
1775 Commencement of the Revolutionary War.
Battle of Lexington, April 19; British retreat.
Perpetual Union of the Colonies formed, May 20.
General Washington Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces, June 15.
Americans under Ethan Allen take Ticonderoga, May 10.
Generals Howe, Clinton and Burgoyne arrive from England.
Defeat of the Americans at Bunker Hill after stubborn resistance, June 17.
Washington assumes command at Cambridge, July 3.
Continental Fast Day, July 20.
Falmouth burned by the British, Oct. 17.
Generals Montgomery and Arnold invade Canada; capture of St. John, Nov. 3; of Montreal, Nov. 12. Repulse of Arnold at Quebec, Nov. 14; second and joint assault defeated and Montgomery killed, Dec. 31.
1776 Destruction of Norfolk by the British, Jan. 1.
Boston evacuated by the British in consequence of the Americans having taken possession of Dorchester Heights, which commanded the harbor, March 17.
Washington arrives at New York, April 14.
Declaration of Independence, July 4.
Commissioners sent by Congress to solicit a treaty with the French.
Battle of Flatbush, or Brooklyn, on Long Island; Howe (loss 400) defeats the American generals, Putnam and Sullivan (loss 2,000), Aug. 27.
New York evacuated by the Americans and occupied by the British, Sept. 15.
Battle of White Plains; Howe (loss 300 or 400) defeats Washington (loss 300 or 400), Oct. 28.
Battle of Lake Champlain; capture of the American fleet, Oct. 11-13.
Fort Washington capitulates, Nov. 16.
English occupy Rhode Island.
Washington retreats beyond the Delaware, Nov. 28.
Congress adjourns to Baltimore, Dec. 12.

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