

## **New York Chronology, 1777–1790**

### **1777**

April 20                      State constitution adopted

June                              George Clinton elected first governor

### **1778**

February 6                      Legislature adopts Articles of Confederation

### **1780**

September 3                      Alexander Hamilton calls for national convention

September 7                      Governor Clinton addresses legislature asking for more power for Congress

September 26                      Legislature appoints commissioners to Hartford Convention

October 10                      Legislature instructs delegates to Congress and Hartford  
Convention commissioners to give more power to Congress

November 8–22                Hartford Convention

**1781**

March 19                      Legislature adopts Impost of 1781

**1782**

July 21                        Legislature calls for national convention and increased powers for  
Congress

November 30                 Preliminary Peace Treaty signed

**1783**

March 15                      Legislature repeals its adoption of Impost of 1781

April 18                        Congress proposes Impost of 1783

November 25            British evacuate New York City

**1784**

March 22            State impost enacted

March 31            Legislature refuses to compensate Loyalists for confiscated estates

May 4                Legislature invites Congress' request to counteract British  
commercial police respecting America

June 3                Massachusetts petitions Congress claiming ownership of western  
New York

August 27            *Rutgers V. Waddington*

November 18        Legislature approves state impost

**1785**

April 4                Legislature approves 30 April 1784 grant of temporary power to  
Congress to regulate commerce

April 9                      Legislature adopts amendment to Articles of Confederation  
changing method of apportioning expenses of government

April 14                     Senate defeats Impost of 1783

### **1786**

February 15                Congress asks New York to reconsider Impost of 1783

March 14                    Legislature receives Virginia's call of Annapolis Convention

March 17                    Legislature approves appointment of commissioners to Annapolis  
Convention

April 18                     Paper money act becomes law

April 20                     Assembly appoints commissioners to Annapolis Convention

May 4                         Legislature conditionally adopts Impost of 1783

May 5	Senate agrees with appointment of commissioners to Annapolis Convention
August 11	Congress requests New York to reconsider its approval of Impost of 1783
August 23	Congress again requests New York to reconsider its approval of Impost of 1783
September 11–14	Annapolis Convention
December 16	Hartford agreement between New York and Massachusetts over land in western New York

### **1787**

January 13	Legislature receives Annapolis Convention report
January 26	Legislature adopts state bill of rights
February 15	Assembly refuses to alter its approval of Impost of 1783

February 20	Legislature instructs delegates to Congress to move for appointment of a constitutional convention
February 21	Congress rejects New York's call for a convention and accepts amended motion by Massachusetts for a convention
February 23	Legislature receives congressional resolution of 21 February calling Constitutional Convention
February 28	Legislature authorizes election of delegates to Constitutional Convention
March 6	Legislature elects three delegates (Alexander Hamilton, John Lansing, Jr., and Robert Yates) to Constitutional Convention
April 18	Senate rejects Alexander Hamilton's motion for appointment of two additional delegates to Constitutional Convention
May 25	Robert Yates and Alexander Hamilton first attend Constitutional Convention

June 2	John Lansing, Jr., first attends Constitutional Convention
June 16	Lansing's speech in Constitutional Convention
June 18	Hamilton's "plan" submitted to Constitutional Convention
June 10	Yates and Lansing leave Constitutional Convention
June 21	Hamilton publicly attacks Governor Clinton for his opposition to Constitutional Convention
September 3	Hamilton, who had left in late June, returns to Constitutional Convention
September 17	Constitutional Convention signs Constitution with Hamilton signing for New York
September 21	Constitution first printed in New York ( <i>Daily Advertiser</i> and <i>New York Packet</i> )

September 27	Cato series first printed
October 18	Brutus series first printed
October 27	Publius, The Federalist, first printed
November 1	Cincinnatus series first printed
November 2	Americanus series first printed
November 8	Federal Farmer pamphlet first printed
November 19	<i>New York Journal</i> becomes a daily
November 21	A Countryman (Hugh Hughes) series first printed
December 6	A Countryman (De Witt Clinton) series first printed
December 11	Examiner series first printed



December 21            Yates and Lansing write letter to Governor Clinton explaining why they left Constitutional Convention early

**1788**

January 11            Governor Clinton transmits Constitution and Yates-Lansing letter to legislature

January 14            Yates-Lansing letter first printed

January 31            Assembly adopts resolution calling state convention

February 1            Senate concurs with Assembly's resolution calling state convention

February 7            Constitution burned at Montgomery, Ulster County

March 22            Volume I of Publius, *The Federalist*, printed (36 essays)

April 13–14            Doctors' riots in New York City

April 15	John Jay's A Citizen of New-York pamphlet printed
April 17	A Plebeian pamphlet printed
April 29–May 3	Elections for state convention
May c. 18	Federal Republican Committee formed in New York City
May 27	Ballot boxes opened and votes counted for election to state convention
May 28	Volume II of Publius, <i>The Federalist</i> , printed (49 essays)
June 17	State Convention convenes in Poughkeepsie
June 17	George Clinton elected president of Convention
June 18	Convention reads Constitution
June 19	Henry Outhoudt elected chairman committee of the whole

June 24	News of New Hampshire's ratification of Constitution arrives in Poughkeepsie
July 2	News of Virginia's ratification of Constitution arrives in Poughkeepsie
July 7	Convention finishes discussion of Constitution, and John Lansing, Jr., presents a bill of rights to be prefixed to Constitution
July 10	Lansing presents plan of ratification with conditional amendments
July 11	John Jay proposes unconditional ratification
July 15	Melancton Smith proposes limited ratification of Constitution
July 16	John Sloss Hobart's motion to adjourn defeated
July 19	Lansing proposes conditional ratification with amendments
July 23	New York City Federal Procession

July 23 Samuel Jones's amendment to ratify "in full confidence" that amendments would be adopted

July 23 Convention's committee of the whole votes to ratify Constitution without conditional amendments 31 to 29

July 24 Lansing proposes limited-term ratification

July 25 Convention rejects Lansing's motion for limited-term ratification

July 26 Convention adopts Constitution 30 to 27 with proposed amendments

July 26 Circular Letter to states approved

July 27 Sacking of Thomas Greenleaf's print shop

October 30 Federal Republican Committee reorganizes in New York City to work for a second constitutional convention

February 7                      Legislature resolves to ask Congress to call a convention to draft amendments to the Constitution

**1790**

January 13                      Legislature receives proposed twelve amendments to Constitution

February 26                      Legislature adopts eleven of twelve proposed amendments to Constitution

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