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The following sketches outline the political careers of the principal Maryland leaders who participated in the process of ratifying the U.S. Constitution. Their political positions are indicated on the Constitution in 1787 and 1788 (Antifederalist or Federalist). Inclusive years, especially for state offices, reflect periods of repeated, not successive, office-holding. The exception to this practice is delegates in Congress, where inclusive years reflect only delegates’ actual attendance for any portion of the years listed.

CARROLL, CHARLES, OF CARROLLTON (1737–1832)
Federalist


CARROLL, DANIEL (1730–1796)
Federalist


CHASE, SAMUEL (1741–1811)
Antifederalist

gate to state Convention, where he voted against ratification. Judge, Md. General Court, 1791–96 (resigned). Associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court, 1796–1811. Impeached by U.S. House of Representatives for alleged judicial improprieties, 1804; acquitted by U.S. Senate, 1805.

HANSON, ALEXANDER CONTEE (1749–1806)
Federalist


JENIFER, DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS (1723–1790)
Federalist


JOHNSON, THOMAS (1732–1819)
Federalist


MCHENRY, JAMES (c. 1752–1816)
Federalist


MARTIN, LUTHER (1748–1826)
Antifederalist


MERCER, JOHN FRANCIS (1759–1821)
Antifederalist


PACA, WILLIAM (1740–1799)
Antifederalist


PLATER, GEORGE (1735–1792)