

October 13. 1775

Congress authorizes the creation of a navy.

October 4. 1776

John Adams writing his wife observed the new governments emerging. "We live on an age of political experiments. Among many that will fail, some, I hope will succeed."

October 27. 1776

White Plains, NY: From Washington's General Order for this day, "...the army seems unacquainted with the enemy's Horse;...any party attacking them may be sure of doing it to advantage in the woods by the roads or along stone walls." One hundred dollars was offered for every "Trooper" captured.

October 7, 1777

Congress decides that each state will have one vote in the new national legislature under the Articles of Confederation.

October 7, 1780

Battle of Kings Mountain, South Carolina

Major Patrick Ferguson and his entire force of 1,100 Loyalists are either killed, captured, or wounded in this engagement with 1,400 frontiersmen led by Colonel William Campbell. Ferguson is the only individual in the battle that is not an American. The Loyalists forces rely on massed fire from volleys and the bayonet while the Americans use long rifles to pick the Loyalists off at long range, including Ferguson, who is killed by being shot off his horse while leading a charge. This is not the most glorious day for the Americans as they kill many Loyalists while they try to surrender. This battle forces Cornwallis to abandon his invasion of North Carolina.

October 17, 1781

Cornwallis Proposes Terms of Surrender

Realizing the hopelessness of his situation, Cornwallis proposes terms of surrender to Washington. He will surrender his war material and states that his men will no longer engage in war against the United States or France. Cornwallis also wishes for his officers to retain their side arms and personal baggage.

October 19, 1781

Cornwallis Surrenders at Yorktown, Virginia

Lord Cornwallis surrenders and over 7,000 British soldiers march off into captivity to the tune “The World Turned Upside Down.” The British are unable to marshal another army in America and this virtually ensures American independence although it will take until November 30, 1782, for the colonists and England to sign a provisional peace treaty.

General Election

Nov 6, 2018

Early Voting: Oct 22, 2018 - Nov 2, 2018