

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

CONFEDERATION OFFICIALS

John Adams (1735–1826). Born Braintree, Massachusetts. Attorney. Negotiator, Paris Treaty of Peace, 1782–83. Ambassador to England, 1785–88. Husband of Abigail Smith Adams.

Josiah Harmar (1753–1813). Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Revolutionary War soldier. Army commander on Ohio frontier, 1783–91.

John Jay (1745–1829). Born New York, New York. Attorney. Negotiator, Paris Treaty of Peace, 1782–83. Secretary of Foreign Affairs, 1784–89.

Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826). Born Albemarle County, Virginia. Slave-plantation owner, attorney, and author. Congressman, 1783–84. Minister (trade), 1784. Minister to France, 1785–89.

Henry Knox (1750–1806). Born Boston, Massachusetts. Bookseller. Army major general, Revolutionary War. Secretary of War, 1785–94.

Arthur Lee (1740–1792). Born Stratford Hall, Virginia. Doctor and attorney. Revolutionary War diplomat. Member of Virginia House of Delegates, 1781–83, 1785, 1786. Congressman, 1782–84. Indian commissioner, Treaties of Fort Stanwix and Fort McIntosh. Member, Board of Treasury, 1785–89. Brother of Richard Henry Lee.

Benjamin Lincoln (1733–1810). Born Hingham, Massachusetts. Army major general, Revolutionary War. Secretary at War, 1781–83. Led Massachusetts troops against Shays's Rebellion, 1786–87.

Robert R. Livingston (1746–1813). Born Clermont, Columbia County,

New York. Attorney and major landowner. Secretary of Foreign Affairs, 1781–83.

Robert Morris (1734–1806). Born Liverpool, England. Philadelphia international merchant. Superintendent of Finance, 1781–84. Member of Pennsylvania Assembly, 1785–87. Annapolis Convention delegate, 1786. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

CONGRESSMEN*

Elbridge Gerry (1744–1814). Born Marblehead, Massachusetts. International merchant. Congressman, 1783–85. Member of Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1786–87. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

William Grayson (1736?–90). Born Prince William County, Virginia. Attorney. Member of Virginia House of Delegates, 1784–85. Congressman, 1785–87.

David Howell (1747–1824). Born Morristown, New Jersey. College professor, mathematics and natural philosophy. Congressman for Rhode Island, 1782–85.

Rufus King (1755–1827). Born Scarborough, Maine (then part of Massachusetts). Attorney. Member of Massachusetts legislature, 1783–85. Congressman, 1784–87. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

Henry (“Light-Horse Harry”) Lee, Jr. (III?) (1756–1818). Born Prince William County, Virginia. Revolutionary War officer. Congressman, 1786–88.

James Madison (1751–1836). Born King George County, Virginia. Heir to slave plantation. Career politician and political theorist. Congressman, 1780–83, 1787. Member of Virginia Assembly, 1784–86. Annapolis Convention delegate, 1786. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

James Monroe (1758–1831). Born Westmoreland County, Virginia. Attorney. Member of Virginia Assembly, 1782, 1786. Congressman, 1783–86.

* Throughout this book, the terms “member of Congress,” “congressman,” and “delegate” are used interchangeably to mean persons elected by the states to represent them in Congress.

STATE LEADERS/INFLUENTIAL CITIZENS

Abigail Smith Adams (1744–1818). Born Weymouth, Massachusetts. Managed family farm and investments in Braintree, 1776–85. With husband, John Adams, in Paris and London, 1785–88.

Samuel Adams (1722–1803). Born Boston, Massachusetts. Revolutionary statesman. Member of Massachusetts Senate and Governor's Council during the 1780s.

George Clinton (1739–1812). Born Ulster County, New York. Revolutionary soldier and statesman. Served seven terms as governor of New York, including 1783–89.

Tristram Dalton (1738–1817). Born Newburyport, Massachusetts. Merchant. Member of Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1782–85. Member of Massachusetts Senate, 1785–88.

Nathaniel Gorham (1738–96). Born Charlestown, Massachusetts. Merchant. Congressman, 1782–83, 1785–87. Member of Massachusetts legislature, 1781–87. Active in suppression of Shays's Rebellion. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

Alexander Hamilton (1755?–1804). Born Charlestown, Nevis, West Indies. Revolutionary War officer; staff aide to General Washington. Congressman, 1782–83. Annapolis Convention delegate, 1786. Member of New York legislature, 1787. Philadelphia Convention delegate, 1787.

Patrick Henry (1736–99). Born Hanover County, Virginia. Attorney. Member of Virginia legislature, 1782–84, 1787–88. Five-term governor of Virginia, including 1785–86.

Stephen Higginson (1743–1828). Born Salem, Massachusetts. International merchant. Congressman, 1783. Served as lieutenant colonel in forces opposing Shays's Rebellion, 1786–87.

Richard Henry Lee (1732–94). Born Stratford Hall, Virginia. Slave-plantation owner, career politician. Congressman, 1784–85, 1787. Member of Virginia legislature, 1785.

Daniel Shays (ca. 1747–1825). Born Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Revolutionary War soldier and officer. Farmer. A main leader of the 1786 insurgency against Massachusetts government.

George Washington (1732–99). Born Westmoreland County, Virginia. Slave-plantation owner, land and canal investor. Revolutionary War army commander in chief, 1775–83. President, Philadelphia Convention, 1787.

FOREIGN AND NATIVE AMERICAN

DIPLOMATS AND LEADERS

Joseph Brant (*Thayendanegea*) (1743–1807). Born Ohio Country. Mohawk military and political leader. Revolutionary War officer (British ally). Slave-farm owner. Among the principal leaders of postwar Native American tribes' Western Confederacy.

Bernardo de Gálvez, Viscount of Galveston and Count of Gálvez (1746–86). Born Macharaviaya, Spain. Spanish general in Revolutionary War. Governor of Cuba, 1784. Viceroy of New Spain, 1785–86.

Don Diego María de Gardoqui (1735–98). Born Bilbao, Spain. Spanish envoy to the United States, 1785–89.

Alexander McGillivray (*Hoboi-Hili-Miko*) (1750?–93). Born Little Talassee (near present-day Montgomery, Alabama). Revolutionary War officer (British ally). Slave-plantation owner. Main leader of Upper Creek (Muscogee) tribes, 1782–87. Attempted to create Native American tribes' Southern Confederacy.

Esteban Rodríguez Miró (1744–85). Born Reus, Spain. Spanish Army officer. Acting governor/governor of Spanish provinces of Louisiana and Florida, 1782–91.

Louis-Guillaume Otto, Comte de Mosloy (1754–1817). Born Kork, Baden. French chargé d'affaires ad interim to the United States, 1785–87.

Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes (1719?–87). Born Dijon, France. Foreign minister of France, 1774–87.