

The Great Seal Controversy

The Great Seal Controversy was a constitutional crisis that, although it never led to a civil war, almost did. It arose from the fact that the original design of the Great Seal of the United States was created by the Continental Congress, but the design was not approved by the Continental Congress until after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Continental Congress was not a government at the time, and the Declaration of Independence was not yet signed. The Continental Congress was not a government at the time, and the Declaration of Independence was not yet signed.

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Part 2: The Continental Congress

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Origin: Proposed by Madison at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787. The original draft of the Constitution was not approved until 1791.

Drafting: June 17, 1787. The original draft was the result of a long and difficult process, involving the participation of many delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.