

## The Great Seal Controversy

The Great Seal Controversy was a constitutional crisis that, although it never led to a civil war, almost did. It was a result of the fact that the Great Seal was used by the British government in the United States, which was a violation of the Constitution. The British government had used the Great Seal to issue letters of marque and reprisal, which were a form of privateering, to the United States government and to the United States people. The British government had also used the Great Seal to issue letters of marque and reprisal to the United States people.

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