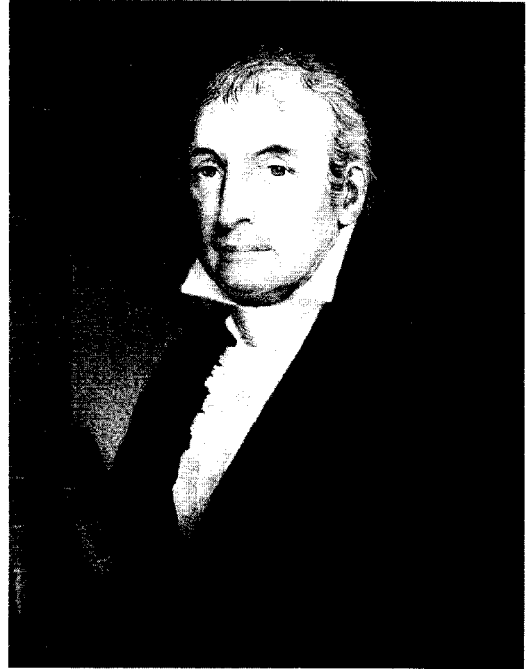


*William Paca (1740-1799)  
Portrait by Charles Willson Peale, 1823 after  
earlier portrait by the artist (MdHRG  
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On December 19, 1789,  
Maryland ratified the Bill of Rights, the first ten  
amendments to the U.S. Constitution.  
As we commemorate the bicentennial of that  
ratification in 1989, special tribute is due  
Luther Martin and William Paca,  
two Maryland Antifederalists whose efforts  
contributed to the adoption of the  
Bill of Rights.



*Luther Martin (1748-1826)  
Portrait by Henry H. Meyer, c. 1835 after  
unidentified artist (MdHRG 1796-A-60).  
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