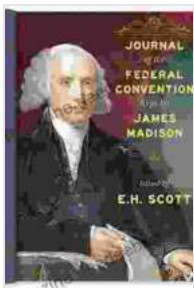


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## Background

The Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from May 25 to September 17, 1787. The delegates were tasked with revising the Articles of Confederation, which had been the governing document of the United States since 1781. The Articles had proven to be weak and ineffective, and the delegates believed that a new constitution was needed to create a stronger central government.



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The Convention was attended by 55 delegates from 12 states. The delegates included some of the most prominent figures in American history, such as George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin. The Convention was presided over by Washington, who was unanimously elected as its president.

## **Proceedings**

The Convention began its work by debating the Virginia Plan, which had been proposed by James Madison. The Virginia Plan called for a strong central government with three branches: a legislative branch, an executive branch, and a judicial branch. The plan also called for a bicameral legislature, with one house elected by the people and the other house elected by the states.

The delegates debated the Virginia Plan for several weeks, and they eventually agreed to a compromise that created a two-house legislature with a House of Representatives elected by the people and a Senate elected by the states. The delegates also agreed to create a strong executive branch with a single president who would be elected by the Electoral College.

In addition to the Virginia Plan, the delegates also debated a number of other proposals, including the New Jersey Plan, which called for a weaker central government, and the Pinckney Plan, which called for a strong central government with a single executive and a legislature with two houses.

After several weeks of debate, the delegates finally reached an agreement on a new constitution. The Constitution was signed by 39 of the 55

delegates on September 17, 1787. The Constitution was then ratified by the states, and it went into effect on March 4, 1789.

## **Significance**

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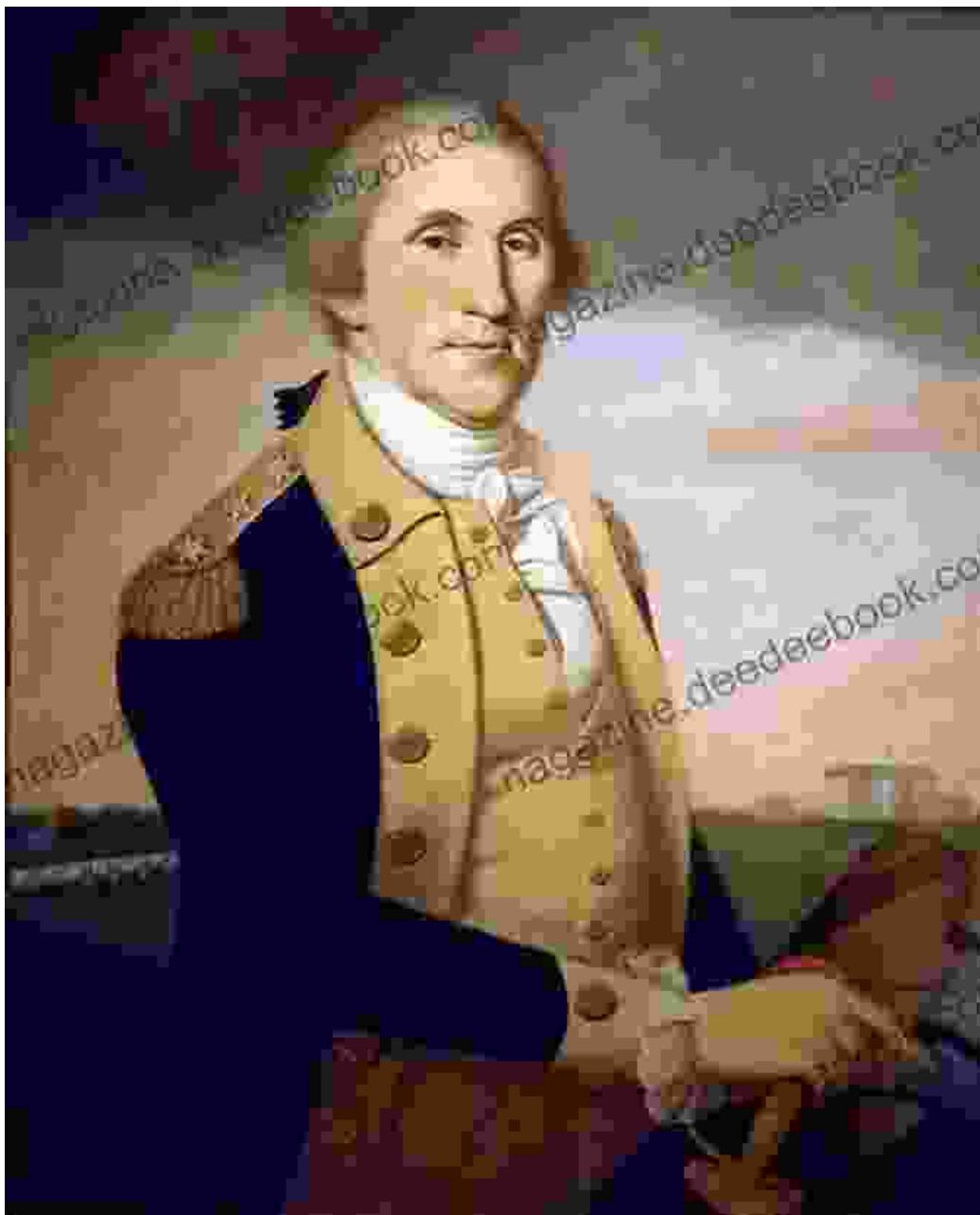
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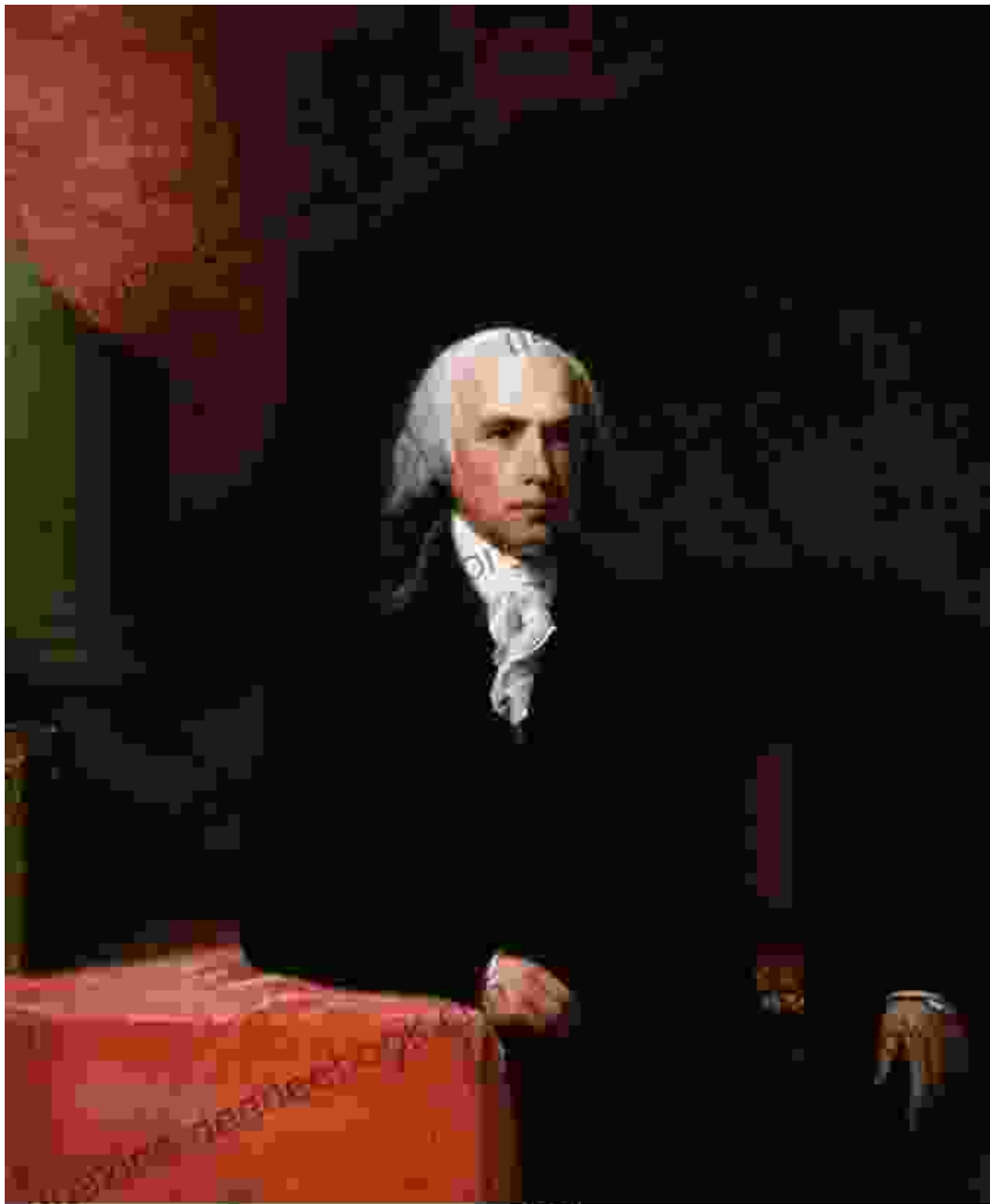
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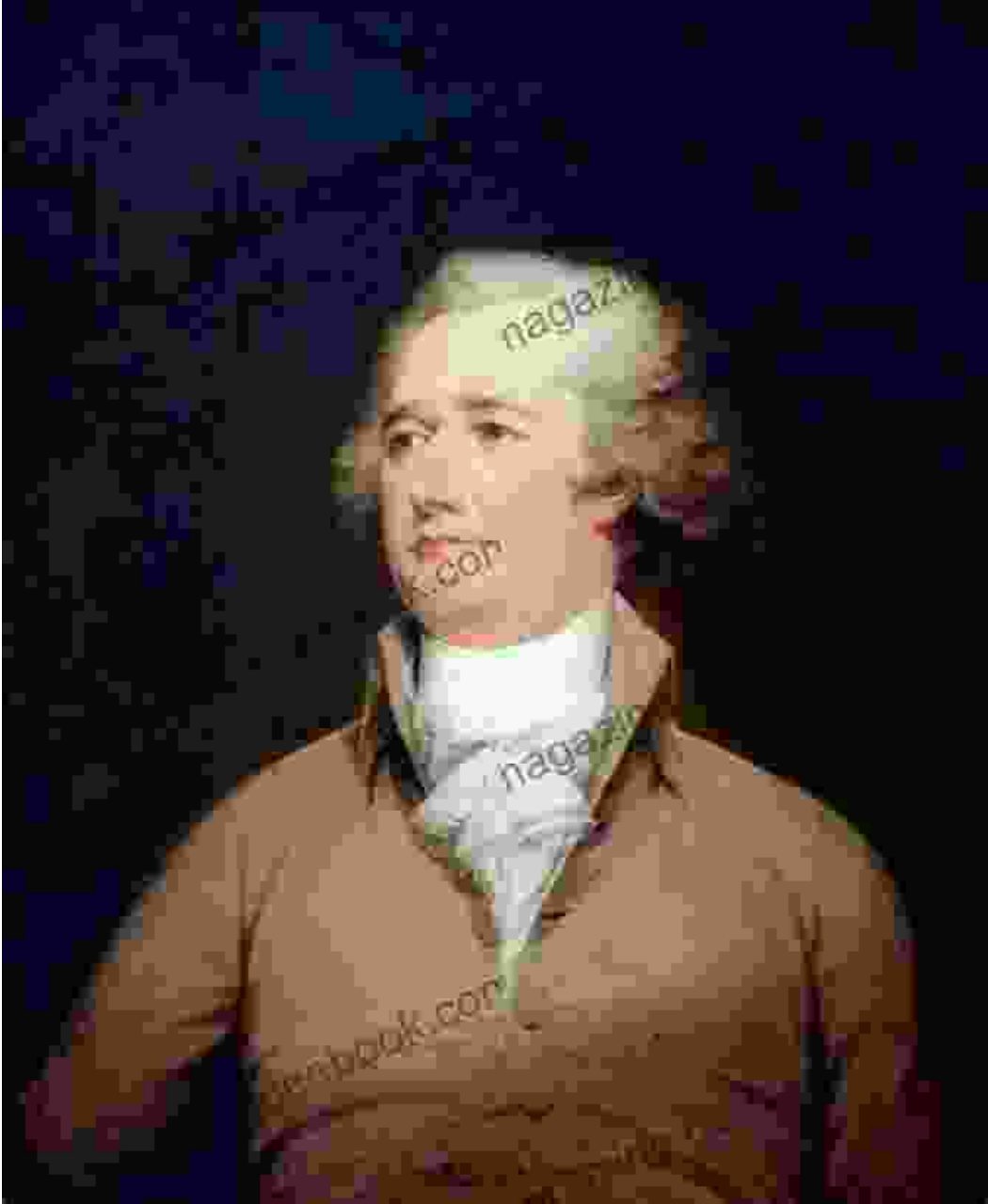
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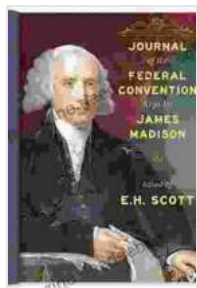
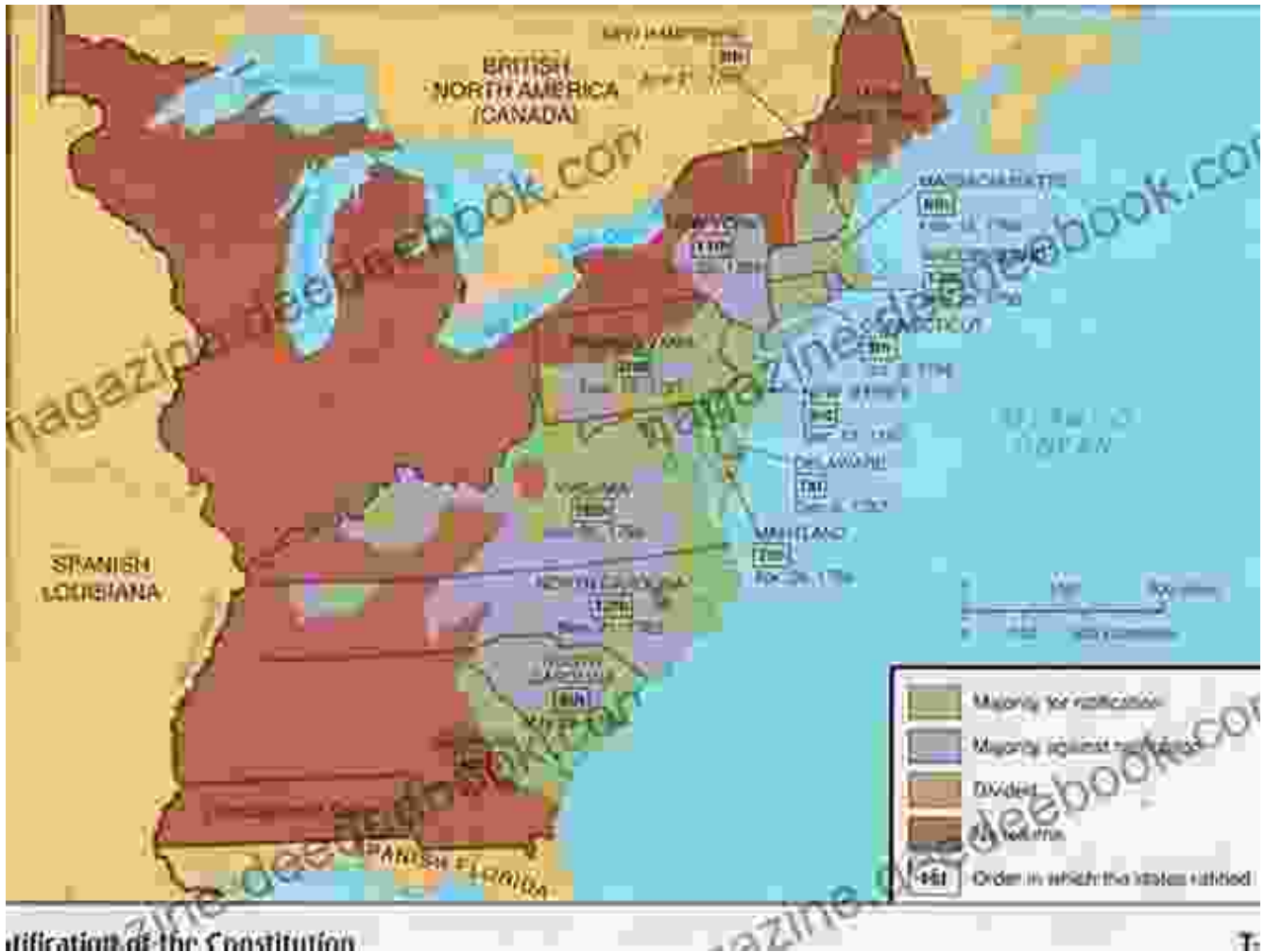
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