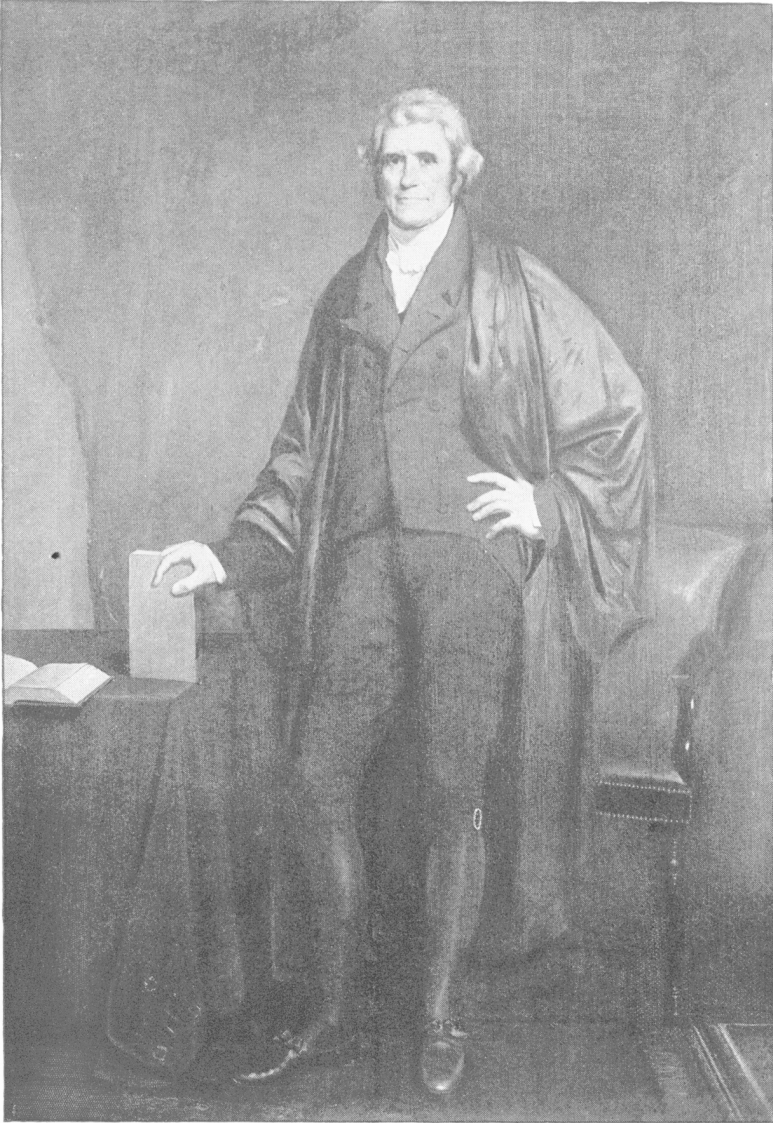


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CHIEF-JUSTICE MARSHALL.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS once said of his father that if he had done nothing else to deserve the approbation of his country

a license to practise, the controversy between Great Britain and her American colonies began to assume a portentous aspect; and

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

AN enlarged copy of the portrait of

CHIEF-JUSTICE MARSHALL,

which forms the frontispiece of this number, will be presented to every subscriber remitting the amount of his subscription for 1892 on or before January 1, 1892.

The size of the picture itself will be $10\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$ inches, printed on heavy paper 20×24 inches.

It will make an attractive addition to every lawyer's portrait gallery.

lage were at that period scanty and inadequate, and Thomas Marshall was thus compelled exclusively to superintend the education of all his children. How well he acquitted himself of this duty may be inferred from the expressions which in after years frequently dropped from the lips of the Chief-Justice. "My father," he would say, with kindred feeling and emphasis, "was a far abler man than any of his sons. To him I owe the solid foundation of all my own success in life."

At an early age Marshall commenced the study of the law; but before he had obtained

bar. In the spring of 1782 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and in the autumn of the same year a member of the State Executive Council. He continued in political life, holding various offices in his native State, until 1796.

In 1796 he visited Philadelphia to argue before the Supreme Court the great case of *Ware vs. Hytton*, which involved the question of the right of recovery of British debts which had been confiscated during the Revolutionary War; and about the same time he defended the policy of the Mission to England and the treaty of peace negotiated

AN APPEAL FOR A CHIEF JUSTICE

The editors of the original *Green Bag* inserted an alien item between the frontispiece (see page 99 above) and the first page (see page 100) of the December 1891 issue of their little magazine. The insert offered early-bird subscribers a big picture of Chief Justice John Marshall on a really big piece of paper. For the past 20-plus years we've been keeping our eyes peeled for one of those pictures. No luck. Our eyes are not enough. So, we seek to enlist yours. If you have, or know of, or spot clues about the old *Green Bag*'s premium portrait of Marshall, please do tell us. Thank you.

FOUNDERS WHIST CARDS FOR SALE

The editors of the modern *Green Bag* had planned to insert an alien item (one of those "This Page Is Not Part of the *Green Bag*" things) into this issue of the *Bag*. It was to be a certificate good for a free deck of Founders Whist playing cards.

But recent experience has taught us caution. It seems that implants in the *Green Bag* trigger many mysterious disappearances. For example, in the months since we slipped bobblehead certificates into some copies of the Summer 2017 issue of the *Bag*, we've received hugely, unprecedentedly, amazingly large numbers of missing-issue claims for that issue. In the past, when we released an issue of the *Bag*, we would receive between zero and a handful of missing-issue claims. But for the Summer 2017 issue – well, let's just say it felt like some sort of mass abduction of the sort reported on "The X-Files." And when we combined a similar item with some copies of the Autumn 2017 issue, it had a similar effect.

So, we are becoming cautious about alien implants in the *Green Bag*. But we cannot afford to do separate, supplemental mass mailings (they are far from costless) every time we want to arbitrarily and capriciously shift some precious artifacts out of our secret offsite storage facility near Skyland Mountain and into the hands of our beloved subscribers. Thus this new middle-way experiment: If you would like a deck or two or more of our Founders Whist playing cards, please either (a) complete the form on the next page (or a copy of it) and mail it to us, along with a check for the appropriate amount, or (b) paypal the appropriate amount (and your name and mailing address) to us at subscriptions@greenbag.org.