

THE  
**SOUTHERN REBELLION:**  
BEING  
A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES  
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**CHRONOLOGY**  
OF  
**IMPORTANT EVENTS**  
**OF THE REBELLION.**  
*for the year*

**1861.**

- Jan.* 2. U. S. forts and arsenal at Savannah seized by Georgia troops.  
3. U. S. forts in North Carolina seized by governor.  
4. U. S. forts at Mobile seized by Alabama troops.  
9. Steamer *Star of the West*, with reinforcements and supplies for Major Anderson, fired at in Charleston harbor. Mississippi seceded.  
11. U. S. forts and arsenal in Louisiana seized by state troops. Alabama and Florida seceded.  
12. U. S. forts and navy yard at Pensacola seized by Florida troops.  
19. Georgia seceded.  
26. Louisiana seceded, subject to ratification by the people.
- Feb.* 1. Texas seceded.  
4. Congress of delegates from seceding states assembled at Montgomery, Ala.  
5. Peace Convention assembled at Washington.  
8. Constitution of Southern Confederacy adopted by Montgomery Congress. Jeff Davis chosen President of Provisional government.  
18. Jeff Davis inaug. Provis. President of seceding states.  
20-22. U. S. property and posts in Texas treacherously surrendered by Gen. Twiggs.
- March* 4. President Lincoln inaugurated.  
9. Confederate Army established by Southern Congress.
- April* 11. Beauregard demands evacuation of Fort Sumter.  
12. Bombardment of Fort Sumter. War begun.  
14. Fort Sumter evacuated.  
15. President Lincoln called for 75,000 militia.  
17. Virginia seceded, subject to popular vote. Arsenal destroyed at Harper's Ferry.  
19. Massachusetts sixth regiment attacked in Baltimore. Blockade of southern ports ordered.  
20. U. S. navy yard at Gosport, Va., destroyed by fire.
- May* 3. President Lincoln called for 42,000 three years' volunteers, and ordered increase of the army.  
6. Arkansas seceded. Tennessee seceded.  
*May* 10. Robert E. Lee appointed to command of rebel forces in Virginia.  
13. Gen. Butler with Mass. troops occupied Baltimore. Proclamation of neutrality by Queen Victoria.  
20. North Carolina seceded.  
24. Union troops from Washington entered Alexandria. Col. Ellsworth killed.
- June* 3. Battle at Philippi, W. Virginia. Rebels defeated.  
8. Sanitary Commission authorized by war department.  
10. Battle of Great Bethel, Va.  
17. The West Virginia Convention adopted a Declaration of Separation. Battle at Booneville, Mo.  
27. Engagement at Matthias Point, on the Potomac.
- July* 4. Congress assembled in extra session.  
5. Battle at Brier Forks, Mo.  
10. Battle of Laurel Hill, West Va.  
11. Battle of Rich Mountain, West Va.  
12. Surrender of Rebel Forces near Beverly, West Va., to Gen. McClellan.  
15. Skirmish near Winchester, Va.  
16. Advance of Union army in Virginia.  
21. Battle of Bull Run.  
22. Gen. McClellan appointed to command of army of the Potomac.
- Aug.* 7. Hampton, Va., burned by the rebels  
10. Battle of Wilson's Creek, Mo. Gen. Lyon killed.  
20. West Virginia Convention adopted an ordinance creating a new state.  
29. Capture of forts at Hatteras Inlet, N. C. Skirmish at Lexington, Mo.  
30. Gen. Fremont declared martial law in Missouri, and the slaves of rebels to be free.
- Sept.* 10. Battle at Summersville, West Va.  
17. Disloyal members of Maryland Legislature arrested. Fight at Blue Mills Landing, Mo.  
20. Col. Mulligan surrendered to rebels at Lexington, Mo.
- Oct.* 9. Federal camp surprised at Fort Pickens, Pensacola.  
12. U. S. fleet attacked by rebel vessels at S. W. Pass, La.  
21. Battle of Ball's Bluff, Va.  
22. Rebel repulse at Camp Wild-cat, Laurel Co., Ky.  
23. Engagement at West Liberty, Ky.  
24. Fight at Springfield, Mo. Charge of Fremont's body guard.  
26. Battle at Mill Creek, West Va.  
29. Grand naval and military expedition sailed from Hampton Roads.
- Nov.* 1. Lieut.-Gen. Scott retired from command of U. S. armies, and was succeeded by Gen. McClellan.  
7. Battle at Belmont, Mo. Capture of rebel forts at Port Royal, S. C., by naval expedition under Com. Dupont.  
8. Mason and Slidell taken by Capt. Wilkes from English mail steamer *Trent*. Battle at Picketon, Mo.  
*Nov.* 12. Attack on federal vessels at the head of the Passes of the Mississippi.  
22. Bombardment of rebel forts at Pensacola.  
29. Union forces under Gen. Phelps landed at Ship Island.
- Dec.* 10. Battle between loyal and rebel Indians on Bushy Creek, Ark.  
13. Battle at Alleghany Camp, Pocahontas Co., West Va.  
17. Fight at Mumfordsville, Ky.  
20. Engagement near Drainsville, Va. "Stone fleet" sunk in channel of Charleston harbor.