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More money was needed to pay off debts and build a new capitol.

In 1791 Congress passed an excise tax on liquor.



Many farmers grew grains and corn and used them to make Whiskey.

They refused to pay the tax saying it was too much like taxes passed by England.

Mobs of people, throughout the states, rebelled against the tax. Many tax collectors were attacked. Eventually, some of the rebels decided to march on Pittsburg, PA.

Washington called up 13,000 militia to put down the rebellion.

Most rebels gave up upon hearing about the militia but some were taken prisoner. Washington later pardoned them.



The successful conclusion to the Whiskey Rebellion proved that the United States now had a strong government under the Constitution.

