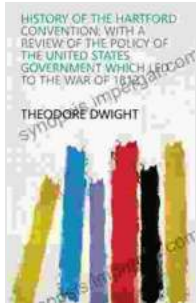


The Hartford Convention: A Pivotal Moment in American History



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The Hartford Convention was a secret meeting of New England Federalists in Hartford, Connecticut, from December 15, 1814, to January 5, 1815, during the War of 1812. The convention was held to discuss the grievances of New Englanders against the national government, and to consider possible actions, including secession from the Union.

The convention was attended by 26 delegates from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, and New Hampshire. The delegates were mostly Federalists, who were opposed to the war and to the policies of the Democratic-Republican administration of President James Madison.

The delegates to the Hartford Convention debated a wide range of issues, including the war, the national debt, the embargo on trade with Great

Britain, and the admission of new states to the Union. They also discussed the possibility of secession from the Union, but ultimately decided against it.

The Hartford Convention issued a report that outlined their grievances against the national government. The report called for a number of changes, including a reduction in the size of the army and navy, a repeal of the embargo on trade with Great Britain, and a constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds majority of Congress to declare war.

The report of the Hartford Convention was met with outrage by many Americans. The convention was denounced as a treasonous plot to destroy the Union. The Federalist Party was blamed for the convention, and the party's popularity declined rapidly.

The Hartford Convention was a significant event in American history. It marked the end of the Federalist Party as a major political force, and it helped to solidify the power of the Democratic-Republican Party.

The Causes of the Hartford Convention

There were a number of factors that contributed to the Hartford Convention. These included:

- The War of 1812
- The national debt
- The embargo on trade with Great Britain
- The admission of new states to the Union

The War of 1812 was a major cause of discontent in New England. New Englanders opposed the war because they believed it was unnecessary and because it was hurting their economy. The war also led to a sharp increase in the national debt, which New Englanders were forced to pay for.

The embargo on trade with Great Britain was another major grievance of New Englanders. The embargo was intended to pressure Great Britain to end its impressment of American sailors. However, the embargo also caused significant economic hardship in New England, where many people depended on trade with Great Britain for their livelihood.

The admission of new states to the Union was also a source of concern for New Englanders. New Englanders feared that the admission of new states would dilute their power in Congress. They also worried that the new states would be more likely to support the Democratic-Republican Party, which New Englanders opposed.

The Proceedings of the Hartford Convention

The Hartford Convention was held in secret. The delegates met in a private home in Hartford, Connecticut. The convention was presided over by George Cabot, a former Senator from Massachusetts.

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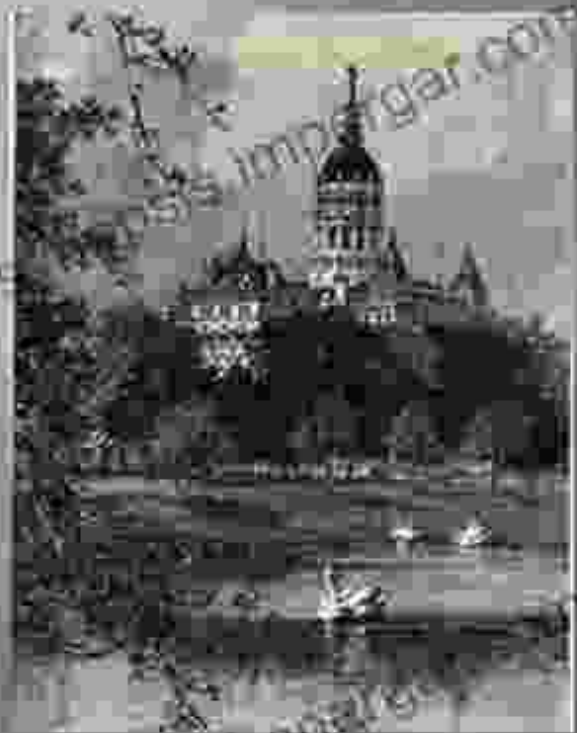
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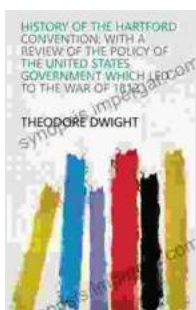
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THE HARTFORD CONVENTION



- ❑ Federalists met in Hartford, Connecticut, Dec 1814
- ❑ New Englanders resented Madison for the Embargo Act & the war
- ❑ Threatened to secede from the Union
- ❑ Wanted changes to the Constitution to weaken the power of the South and West

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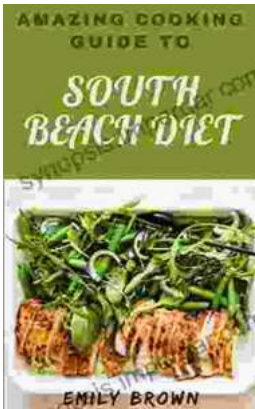
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