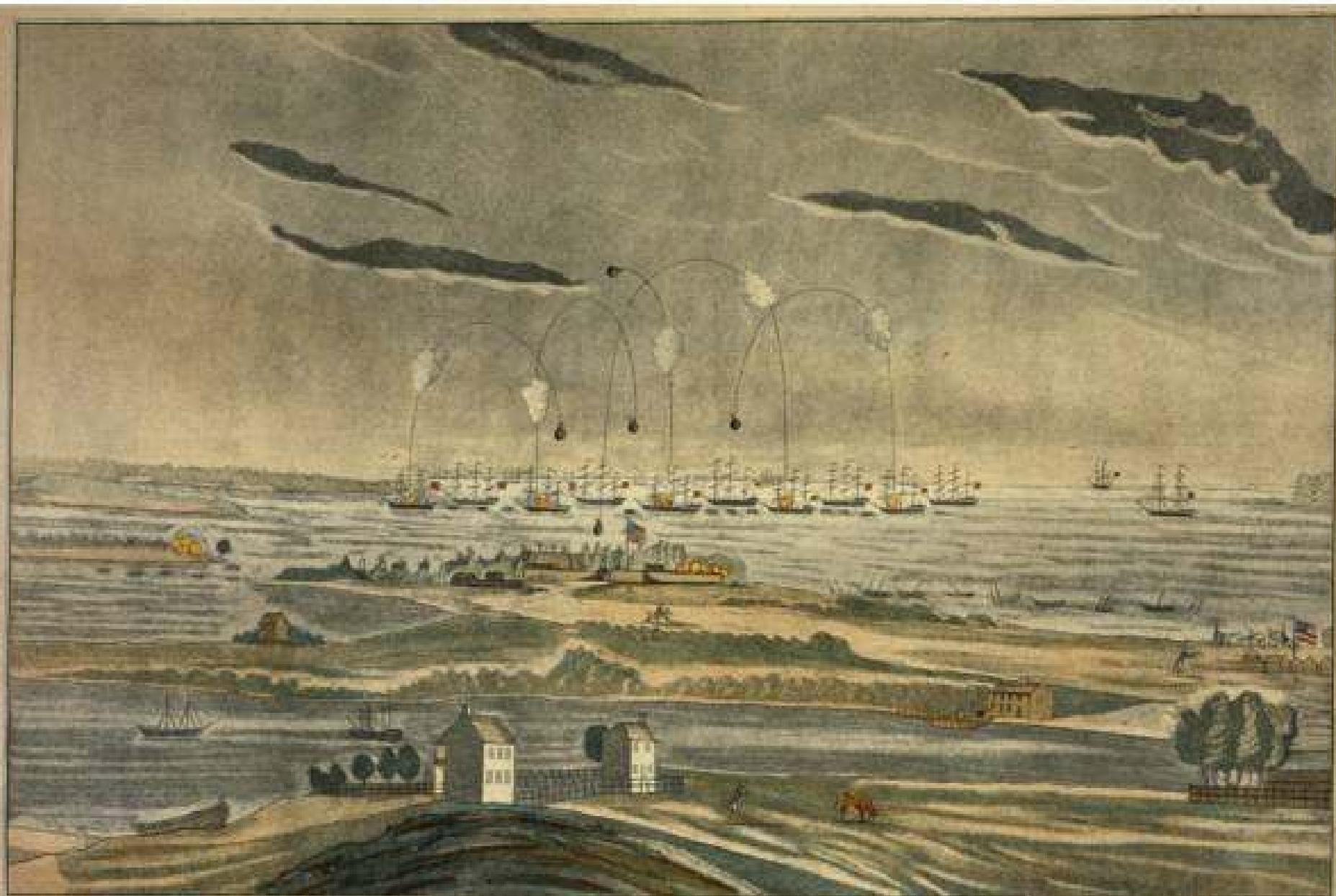




**I Am Also a Citizen of the  
United States of America**





**A VIEW of the BOMBARDMENT of Fort M<sup>o</sup> Henry, near Baltimore, by the British fleet taken from the Chesapeake river the Command of General Cadwallar & Colburn in the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1781. Shown from 1200 twelve shells in the Night attempted to land by force and to pass up the river of ground but were repulsed with great loss.**

1. The British Fleet	2. The Fort
3. The River	4. The Land
5. The Sky	6. The Clouds
7. The Shells	8. The Smoke
9. The Buildings	10. The Field
11. The Trees	12. The Hills





# Holding Up The Flag

- I will not engage in a discussion of the morality of the revolutionary war.
- I will not engage in a discussion of Christians engaged in warfare.
- I will not engage in a discussion of politics.
- I will not engage in conversations with you, public or private, on any conspiracy theory currently in fashion among some Christians
- I will talk about our role as Christians who are citizens of the United States of America

# When Christians & Government Clash

- Civil government is secular in nature and Christianity is spiritual.
  - John 18:36 - “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world...”
  - 1Peter 1:17 - “...conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear”
  - Phil. 3:20 - “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”

# When Christians & Government Clash

- Civil government often looks on Christianity as competitive or hostile to its authority
  - Acts 5:29 - “But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: We ought to obey God rather than men.”
- In response, Christians are often tempted to see government as an enemy of God and the gospel.

# Romans 13:1-7

- Rom. 13:1a - “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.”
  - 1Sam. 25 - Abigail, Nabal, and David
  - Daniel and his companions only refused to obey on clear conflicts with God’s law

# Romans 13:1-7

- Reason 1: Civil government is Divinely ordained
  - Rom. 13:1b - “For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”
  - God raised up Pharaoh (Rom. 9:17), as well as Assyria and Babylon (Hab. 1 & 2).
  - Submission to government is an expression of our submission to God

# Romans 13:1-7

- Reason 2: Consequences
  - Rom. 13:2-4 - “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

# Romans 13:1-7

- Reason 3: A clear conscience
  - Rom. 13:5-7 - “Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

# You Are Not Just A Christian; You Are A Citizen Of The United States Of America

- You will be judged, not only on how you conducted yourself as a Christian, but also as a citizen.
- This applies to preachers and any members who teach audiences to disobey civil government without Bible authority
- This applies to preachers and any members who treat Christians who are soldiers or police officers as if they were sinners

# You Are Not Just A Christian; You Are A Citizen Of The United States Of America

- This applies to preachers and any members who circulate on Facebook and in email disrespectful and dishonest messages about civil leaders
- This applies to members who backbite civil leaders in public or private, or cheat on their taxes, or who only obey the laws when the police are watching
- You are a Christian and a citizen of this country; if you are unwilling to respect your citizenship in this realm, you won't be welcome in the realm to come