**III. Important Supreme Court Cases**

1. McCulloch V Maryland (1819)

* First major battle over federalism – The power of the national government
* **10th Amendment –**
* **1791 –**
* **1816 –**
* Many Americans were against the B.U.S.
* Was able to control the entire economy in the United States
* B.U.S. overextended their credit which led to a widespread depression

1. Stop the B.U.S.

* James McCulloch refused to pay a Maryland state tax to the bank
* B.U.S. should not exist because it was not intended by the framers

1. Marshall’s Decision

* Admits it’s not written in Constitution
* Says a written constitutions is short and ambiguous
* Framers left an important tool “Necessary and Proper Clause”
* Gives federal government implied powers
* Congress may do whatever is appropriate to carry out their written powers
* “Let the end be legitimate and the means appropriate”

1. Reynolds V. United States (1879)

* George Reynolds, member of the Mormon Church, was charged with bigamy
* **Bigamy –**
* Mormon Church allowed males to have more than one wife
* **1st Amendment –**
* People have freedom over religious beliefs
* Court can regulate religious actions that violate social order
* Court can also protect marriage because majority of people consider it “a sacred obligation”

1. Establishment Clause

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* 2)

H. Lemon v Kurtzman (1971)

* Lemon Test
* 1)
* 2)
* 3)