



THE WHISKEY REBELLION

The [Whiskey Rebellion](#) was a 1791 uprising of farmers and distillers in western Pennsylvania in protest of a whiskey tax enacted by the federal government. Following years of aggression with tax collectors, the region finally exploded in a confrontation that had President Washington respond by sending troops to quell what some feared could become a full-blown revolution. It is militarily significant because it was "the first and only time a sitting American president led troops in the field."