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Supreme Court of the United States

The U.S. Supreme Court reversed the lower courts and overturned McCulloch's conviction. It held that establishing a national bank is within the constitutional powers of Congress under the Necessary and Proper Clause and that Maryland does not have the authority to tax a federal institution.

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Maryland Court of Appeals

The Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the lower court and affirmed McCulloch's conviction.

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County Court of Baltimore County

The County Court convicted McCulloch, the manager of the Baltimore branch of the Bank of the United States, for failing to pay the \$15,000 tax levied by the state of Maryland. McCulloch was fined \$2,500.

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