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<i>Dartmouth College v Woodward</i> 1819	Is a charter of a privately funded institution a contract and thus protected by the Contract Clause of the US Constitution? <i>Article I, Section 10: No State shall ... pass any ... Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts.</i>	Dartmouth College was to be turned into a state run college by New Jersey Legislature. Private charter from pre-Revolutionary period established Dartmouth as a privately run college.	Charter is a contract and, then, protected by Contract Clause of the Constitution.
<i>Fletcher v Peck</i> 1810	Is a contract to convey state land protected by contract clause of US Constitution? <i>Article I, Section 10: No State shall ... pass any ... Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts.</i>	Land sold to Fletcher was revoked by state legislature.	Contract clause overrules state law.

<p><i>Worcester v Georgia</i></p> <p>1832</p>	<p>Is "Indian territory" sovereign land and does GA state law apply?</p> <p><i>Cherokee Nation v GA (1831)</i> <i>Commerce Clause (A. I, Sec. 8)</i> <i>Contract Clause (A.I, Sec. 10)</i></p>	<p>Georgia plan to take Cherokee land up help in Cherokee nation v Georgia (1831). Worcester arrested under GA law that said no "white" person can live on Cherokee land without GA permit, sentenced to 4 years in prison.</p>	<p>John Marshall wrote that Indian Territory is sovereign and so GA law does not apply. Worcester was cleared by the US Supreme Court, but Pres. Jackson would not enforce Court ruling as he preferred <i>Cherokee Nation</i> decision.</p>
<p><i>Cohens v Virginia</i></p> <p>1821</p>	<p>Did the Supreme Court have the power under the Constitution to review the Virginia Supreme Court's ruling?</p> <p><i>Judiciary Act of 1789, sec. 25;</i> <i>"set up a federal judiciary above the state judiciary."</i></p>	<p>Congress authorized the operation of a lottery in the District of Columbia. The Cohen brothers proceeded to sell D.C. lottery tickets in the state of Virginia, violating state law. VA tried and convicted the Cohens, and then declared themselves to be the final arbiters of disputes between the states and the national government.</p>	<p>In a unanimous decision, the Court held that the Supreme Court had jurisdiction to review state criminal proceedings. Chief Justice Marshall wrote that the Court was bound to hear all cases that involved constitutional questions.</p>