

MdHR P 1592-8 "Committee had decided the facts and refused to make any report..." no date (2 sheets)

The following notes refer to page 1 of the original manuscript.

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✓ J: Chase -

Decided on proportions separately--

/ House shd not be precluded from Judging on separate amendmts.

// Mr. Johnson.....

Influence on Virginia...

/ Mutual Concessions of Service

// Potts-

At Liberty to vote agt it

✓ / Mr. Chase-

Return of thanks, no dissolution

/ Opinion of people not taken with respect to amendm^t

/ Committee appointed to consider & report amendm^t--

/ resolution agreed to Nom. (?) Con. almost all-

/ Conduct shall go forth to the World

/ resolutions not agreed to

/ 1. Militia not to be marched beyond their State.

/ 2. Power of Congress about Elections

/ 3. Collection of direct taxes

The following notes refer to page 3? of the original manuscript.

/ An address to be prepared - censorring minority

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- // Should prefer voting by counties
- // Too great restriction in confining men to districts--
- // Conduct of other States -
Virginia-- Maryland-- Penns^a-- Massachu^s
- // Care sh^d be taken not to disfranchise Part of Community--

Pinkney

Ground of diffusive representation, that the wishes of each part of the State sh^d be consulted

// people in Frederick & Washington can't know any thing of persons on Western Shore

// All responsibility destroyed - (to the people of Maryland)

// Objection, that the mercantile Interest will govern the State - they will send agents thro' the State, to intrigue

// A smaller number secured in each District will govern the Elections of the whole

//// J: Chase--

Mode contrary to constitution & therefore not admissible

// People ought not to be confined but search rep^s thro' the State

// Committee have determined 6 Districts but these districts ought not be restrained

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from Wm. Tilghman's notes on the
Ratification Convention

/ Easy for president to keep up the Army, by influencing the legislature.

-whipping Militia - Congress proposed a Prussian Discipline in the year 1781-

/ Black: Comm: on military & maritime state-

/ Even in France the Militia are on a freer footing than here - after 6 yrs service they are discharged for life - in England after 3 yrs service, & there too, they may find substitutes-

/ Convention made improper alterations, because too much fatigued to consider the matter.

-Objects to direct taxation without previous requisition, but would give that up if judged necessary-

/ Jer. Chase -

/ 1. General power of taxation -

/ no mode can be devised to make election so as to represent the whole people - the rich & powerful will prevail-

/ what injury could arise from a previous requisition from State Legislature-

2. Trial by Jury -

The trial by Jury is expressly saved in criminal cases-

The following notes refer to page 5 of the original manuscript.

if meant so in Civil, why not say so?

/ the appeal given on points of fact, shews that it was meant to take away trial by Jury-

/ rule of construction - "if Jurisdiction is given to a new Court, all other Jurisdictions are excluded"-

Mason

/ If the State courts have concurrent jurisdiction - even then their trial by Jury is destroyed, because of the appeal on fact-

/ Power to provide for General defence & welfare includes all powers of Legislation. Congress will avail themselves of these General expressions- Assembly of Maryland took advantage of words less proper, to lay a partial poll tax.

/ 3: Rights of Conscience not Secured--

Chase
/ 4: Power of taxing by Excise - (Proceedings of 1. congress 1774 - address to inhabitants of Britain - "Excise, the honor of a free Governments.")

/ 5-- Poll Tax--

/ 6. Standing Army - power should be circumscribed by limiting number of men, requiring assent of more than a majority of States--

/ 7-- Power over Militia - felt for people who might suffer by this, tho I did not apprehend any thing for myself. The rich will get a substitute - but the poor must turn out-- Will a freeman consent to be whipped?

Chase
The following notes refer to page 6 of the original manuscript.

The consent of Assembly should be had for Militia Laws - because they would be afraid to oppress the people--

If Government established, I shall acquiesce but cannot give it an active support--

/ Mr. S. Chase - no other Gentleman in opposition to Speak--

The president will not be chosen by Electors chosen by the people--91. Electors in 13. States are to make the Election - after the 1. Election (Genl W.) no one man