

An act to ratify certain articles in addition to and amendment of
the Constitution of the United States of America proposed by Congress to
the Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas it is provided by the fifth Article of the Constitution
of the United States of America, that Congress whenever two thirds of both
Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said
Constitution or on the application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the
several States shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which in
either case shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
said Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the
several States or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or
the other modes of ratification may be proposed by the Congress:

And Whereas at a Session of the said United States begun and
held at the City of New-York on Wednesday the fourth day of March
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in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, it was Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the said United States in Congress assembled two thirds of both Houses concurring that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as amendments to the Constitution of the United States all or any of, which Articles when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution viz^t Article the First. After the first enumeration, required by the first article of the Constitution there shall be one representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall amount to one hundred; after which the proportion shall be so regulated by Congress that there shall be not less than one hundred Representatives, nor less than one representative for every forty thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to two hundred, after which the proportion shall be so (regulated)

regulated by Congress, that there shall ^{not} be less than two hundred Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty thousand persons.

Article the Second. No Law varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect until an Election of Representatives shall have intervened. —

Article the Third. Congress shall make no Law respecting an establishment of Religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. —

Article the Fourth. A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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Article the Fifth. No soldier shall in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by Law.

Article the Sixth. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and Seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article the Seventh. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or Indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the Land or Naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in
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any Criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of Law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation

Article the Eighth. In all Criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial Jury of the State and district wherein the Crime shall have been committed, which District shall have been previously ascertained by Law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article the Ninth. In suits at common Law, where the Value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of Trial by Jury shall be preserved, and no fact, tried by a Jury, shall be otherwise
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re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law. —

Article the Tenth. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article the Eleventh. The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article the Twelfth. The powers not Delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people. —

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid Articles and each of them be and they are hereby confirmed and ratified. —

By the House of Delegates
December 17th. 1789
Read and assented to

By Order W. Harwood &

W. Howard

By the Senate Dec. 19. 1789
Read & assented to.

By Order J. Ridgely &

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Chapter 6, 1789

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Passed Dec. 19, 1789



