

The Governor & Council of
Maryland

Congress of the United States :

Begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday
the fourth of March, one thousand seven
hundred and eighty-nine.

THE Conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the CONSTITUTION expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the government will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution—

RESOLVED by the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the United States of America 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.

ARTICLES in Addition to, and Amendment of, the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

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 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,

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 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 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.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,*
and President of the Senate.

JOHN BECKLEY, *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*
SAM. A. OTIS, *Secretary of the Senate.*

RATIFICATIONS OF THE AMENDMENTS
TO THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNITED STATES.

BY THE STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, January 25th, 1790.

UPON reading and maturely considering the proposed Amendments to the federal Constitution,
Voted, To accept the whole of said Amendments, except the second article, which was rejected.

Sent up for concurrence.

THOMAS BARTLETT, *Speaker.*

In Senate, the same day, read and concurred.

J. PEARSON, *Secretary.*

A true copy.

Attest,

JOSEPH PEARSON, *Secretary.*

BY THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

THE PEOPLE of the State of New-York, by the grace of God free and independent.
To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern—greeting.

KNOW YE, That we having inspected the records remaining in our secretary's office, do find there a certain act of our legislature, in the words and figures following :

An ACT ratifying certain Articles in addition to, and amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress.

WHEREAS by the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States of America, it is provided, that the Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said Constitution, which 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 mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress.

And whereas in the session of the Congress of the United States of America, begun and held at the city of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, 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.

[Here follow verbatim the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th articles of the said Amendments, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

And whereas the Legislature of this State have considered the said articles, and do agree to the same, except the second article: Therefore,

BE it enacted by the People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said articles, except the second, shall be and hereby are ratified by the Legislature of this State.

STATE of NEW-YORK, in Assembly, February 22, 1790.

This bill having been read the third time,

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Assembly.

GULIAN VERPLANCK, Speaker.

STATE of NEW-YORK, in Senate, February 24, 1790.

This bill having been read a third time,

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Senate.

ISAAC ROOSEVELT, President pro hac vice.

COUNCIL of REVISION, February 27, 1790.

Resolved, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that this bill, entitled, "An act ratifying certain articles in addition to, and amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress," should become a law of this State.

GEO: CLINTON.

All which we have caused to be exemplified by these presents. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the great seal of our said state to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved George Clinton, esquire, governor of our said state, general and commander in chief of all the militia, and admiral of the navy of the same, at our city of New-York, the twenty-seventh day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of our independence.

GEO: CLINTON.

Seal.

Passed the Secretary's Office, the 27th March, 1790.

LEWIS A. SCOTT, Secretary.

BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

IN pursuance of a resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, being the legislature thereof; I do hereby certify that the paper hereunto annexed contains an exact and true exemplification of the act whereof it purports to be a copy, by virtue whereof the several amendments therein mentioned, proposed to the Constitution of the United States, were on the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, agreed to, ratified and confirmed.

GIVEN under my hand, and the seal of the State, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Seal.

RICHARD PETERS, Speaker.

An ACT declaring the Assent of this State to certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Section 1. **W**HEREAS in pursuance of the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States, certain articles of amendment to the said Constitution, have been proposed by the Congress of the United States, for the consideration of the Legislatures of the several States: And whereas this House, being the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereupon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the articles hereafter enumerated, as part of the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the following amendments to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Congress thereof, viz.*

[Here follow the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles, which were proposed by Congress to the legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States.]

Be, and they are hereby ratified on behalf of this State, to become, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several States, part of the Constitution of the United States.

Signed by order of the House,

RICHARD PETERS, *Speaker.*

Enacted into a law, at Philadelphia, on Wednesday the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

PETER ZACHARY LLOYD, *Clerk of the General Assembly.*

I, Matthew Irwin, Esquire, master of the rolls for the State of Pennsylvania, do certify the preceding writing to be a true copy (or exemplification) of a certain law remaining in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, the 11th March, 1790.

MATHEW IRWIN, M. R.

BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

THE General Assembly of Delaware having taken into their consideration the above amendments proposed by Congress, to the respective Legislatures of the several States:

Resolved, That the first article be postponed.

Resolved, That the General Assembly do agree to the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth articles; and we do hereby assent to, ratify and confirm the same, as part of the Constitution of the United States."

"In Testimony whereof, we have caused the great seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the Delaware State.

Signed by order of Council,

GEO. MITCHELL, *Speaker.*

(Seal.)

Signed by order of the House of Assembly,

JEHU DAVIS, *Speaker."*

BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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 United States, begun and held at the city of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth day of March, 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.

[Here follow verbatim the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said amendments, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the afore said 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, Clerk.

By the SENATE, December 19th, 1789.

Read and assented to.

By order.

H. RIDGELY, Clerk.

J. E. HOWARD.

Seal.

I HEREBY certify that the above is a true copy from the original engrossed act, as passed by the Legislature of the state of Maryland.

T. JOHNSON, jun. Clerk Council.

BY THE STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, January 18th, 1790.

THE House took into consideration the report of the committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Congress of the United States of the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, viz.

[Here follow verbatim the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said amendments, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

Which being read through, was agreed to:—Whereupon,
Resolved, That this House do adopt the said several articles, and that they become a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That the resolutions be sent to the Senate for their concurrence.

By order of the House,

JACOB READ, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

In the SENATE, January 19th, 1790.

Resolved, That this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the foregoing resolutions.

By order of the Senate,

D. DE SAUSSURE, *President of the Senate.*

BY THE STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

An ACT to ratify the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, on the fourth day of March, did resolve, 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 a part of the said Constitution.

[Here follow verbatim the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said amendments, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said amendments agreeable to the fifth article of the original Constitution, be held and ratified on the part of this State, as articles in addition to, and amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America.

CHA'S JOHNSON, S. S.

S. CABARRUS, C. H. C.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 22d day of December, Anno Domini 1789.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

I, James Glasgow, Secretary of the said State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act of the Assembly, filed in the Secretary's office. In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand, this tenth day of February, 1790.

J. GLASGOW.

BY THE STATE OF RHODE-ISLAND and PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

In General Assembly, June Session, A. D. 1790.

An ACT for ratifying certain Articles as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, and which were proposed by the Congress of the said States, at their session in March, A. D. 1789, to the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth article of the aforesaid Constitution

Be it enacted by this General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is hereby enacted, That the following articles, proposed by the Congress of the United States of America, at their session in March, A. D. 1789, to the Legisla-

tures of the several States for ratification, as amendments to the Constitution of the said United States, pursuant to the fifth article of the said Constitution, be, and the same are hereby fully assented to, and ratified on the part of this State, to wit :

[Here follow verbatim the 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th articles of the said amendments, proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States.]

It is ordered, That his excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requested, to transmit to the President of the said United States, under the seal of this state, a copy of this act, to be communicated to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the said United States.

A true copy duly examined.

Witness, HENRY WARD, Secretary.

BY THE STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

An act to ratify on the part of this State certain Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, begun and held at the city of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, resolved, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That sundry 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.

And whereas the President of the United States, did, in pursuance of a resolve of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, transmit to the Governor of this State the amendments proposed by Congress, which were by him laid before the Legislature for their consideration. Wherefore,

1. Be it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following articles proposed by Congress, in addition to, and amendment of the constitution of the United States, to wit:

[Here follow, verbatim, the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth articles of the said amendments, proposed by Congress to the legislatures of the several states.]

Be, and the same are hereby ratified and adopted by the state of New-Jersey.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, November 19th, 1789.

This bill having been three times read in this House,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the House,

JOHN BEATTY, Speaker.

COUNCIL-CHAMBER, November 20, 1789.

This bill having been three times read in Council,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

By order of the House,

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.

City of Burlington, State of New-Jersey, August 3, A. D. 1790.

THESE are to certify that the annexed law is a true copy taken from the original, inrolled in my office.

BOWES REED, Secretary.

BY THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

An ACT ratifying on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, the first amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the fifth article of the Constitution of the United States, certain articles in addition to, and amendment of the said Constitution, have been proposed by the Congress of the United States, for the consideration of the legislatures of the several states; and whereas the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereupon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the article hereafter mentioned, as part of the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following article in addition to, and amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by the Congress thereof, viz.

[here article the first was inserted verbatim]

be, and it is hereby ratified on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, to become, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, part of the Constitution of the United States.

WM. BINGHAM, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
RICHARD PETERS, Speaker of the Senate.

Approved Sept. 21, 1791.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I Mathew Irwin, Esq. Master of Rolls for the state of Pennsylvania, do certify, the preceding writing to be a true copy [or exemplification] of a law enrolled in my office in law book No. 4, page 214, &c. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 12th day of October, A. D. 1791.

(L. S.)

MATHEW IRWIN, M. R.

BY THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.

General Assembly, begun and held at the capitol in the city of Richmond, on Monday the seventeenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

October 25th, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the first article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.

JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.

November 3d, 1791,
Agreed to by the Senate.
Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th December, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the second article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.

JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.

December 15th, 1791.
Agreed to by the Senate.
Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th December, 1791.
 RESOLVED, That the *third* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th December, 1791.
 RESOLVED, That the *fourth* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th December, 1791.
 RESOLVED, That the *fifth* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th December, 1791.
 RESOLVED, That the *sixth* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States, be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
 RESOLVED That the *seventh* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
 RESOLVED That the *eighth* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
 RESOLVED That the *ninth* article of the amendments proposed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.
 JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
 THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.
 December 15th, 1791.
 Agreed to by the Senate.
 Ex'd. Ex'd.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
RESOLVED That the *tenth* article of the amendments propofed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.

December 15th, 1791.
Agreed to by the Senate.
Ex'd. Ex'd.

JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
RESOLVED That the *eleventh* article of the amendments propofed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.

December 15th, 1791.
Agreed to by the Senate.
Ex'd. Ex'd.

JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.

MONDAY, the 5th of December, 1791.
RESOLVED That the *twelfth* article of the amendments propofed by Congress to the Constitution of the United States be ratified by this Commonwealth.

December 15th, 1791.
Agreed to by the Senate.
Ex'd. Ex'd.

JOHN PRIDE, S. S.
THO: MATHEWS, S. H. D.

BY THE STATE OF VERMONT.

An Act ratifying certain Articles propofed by Congress as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, begun and held at the city of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine; Resolved, that certain articles, to the number of twelve, be propofed to the Legislatures of the feveral States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the faid Legislatures, should be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the faid Constitution; Therefore,

It is hereby enacted by the General Affembly of the State of Vermont, That all, and every of faid articles fo propofed as aforefaid, be, and the fame are hereby, ratified and confirmed by the Legislature of this State.

State of Vermont, Secretary of State's Office, &c:

I hereby certify that the within is a true copy of an act, passed by the Legislature of this State, the third day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and deposited in this office according to law.

Attest.

ROSWELL HOPKINS, Sec'ry.

DEPOSITED among the Rolls in the Office of the Secretary of State.

J. P. Johnson Secretary of State.