

RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution was adopted by a convention of the States, September 17, 1787, and was subsequently ratified by the several States, in the following order, viz:

Delaware, December 7, 1787.	South Carolina, May 23, 1788.
Pennsylvania, December 12, 1787.	New Hampshire, June 21, 1788.
New Jersey, December 18, 1787.	Virginia, June 26, 1788.
Georgia, January 2, 1788.	New York, July 26, 1788.
Connecticut, January 9, 1788.	North Carolina, November 21, 1789.
Massachusetts, February 6, 1788.	Rhode Island, May 29, 1790.
Maryland, April 28, 1788.	

The State of Vermont, by convention, ratified the Constitution on the 10th of January, 1791, and was, by an act of Congress of the 18th of February, 1791, "received and admitted into this Union as a new and entire member of the United States of America."

RATIFICATIONS OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The first ten of the preceding articles of amendment (with two others which were not ratified by the requisite number of States) were submitted to the several State legislatures by a resolution of Congress which passed on the 25th of September, 1789, at the first session of the First Congress, and were ratified by the legislatures of the following States:

New Jersey, November 20, 1789.	Pennsylvania, March 10, 1790.
Maryland, December 19, 1789.	New York, March 27, 1790.
North Carolina, December 22, 1789.	Rhode Island, June 15, 1790.
South Carolina, January 19, 1790.	Vermont, November 3, 1791.
New Hampshire, January 25, 1790.	Virginia, December 15, 1791.
Delaware, January 28, 1790.	

The acts of the legislatures of the States ratifying these amendments were transmitted by the governors to the President, and by him communicated to Congress. The legislatures of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Georgia do not appear by the record to have ratified them.

The eleventh article was submitted to the legislatures of the several States by a resolution of Congress passed on the 5th of March, 1794 at the first session of the Third Congress; and on the 8th of January, 1798, at the second session of the Fifth Congress, it was declared by the president, in a message to the two Houses of Congress, to have been adopted by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States, there being at the time sixteen States in the Union.

The twelfth article was submitted to the legislatures of the several States, there being then seventeen States, by a resolution of Congress passed on the 12th of December, 1803, at the first session of the Eighth Congress, and was ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States in 1804, according to a proclamation of the Secretary of State dated the 25th of September, 1804.

The thirteenth article was submitted to the legislatures of the several States, there being then thirty-six States, by a resolution of Congress passed on the 1st of February, 1865, at the second session of the Thirty-