

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION.

their request shall be furnished with a transcript of the said journal, except such parts as are above excepted, to lay before the legislatures of the several states.

ART. 10. The committee of the states, or any nine of them, shall be authorized to execute, in the recess of congress, such of the powers of congress as the United States in congress assembled, by the consent of nine states, shall from time to time think expedient to vest them with; provided that no power be delegated to the said committee, for the exercise of which, by the articles of confederation, the voice of nine states, in the congress of the United States assembled, is requisite.

ART. 11. Canada, acceding to this confederation, and joining in the measures of the United States, shall be admitted into, and entitled to all the advantages of, this union; but no other colony shall be admitted into the same, unless such admission be agreed to by nine states.

ART. 12. All bills of credit emitted, monies borrowed, and debts contracted, by or under the authority of congress, before the assembling of the United States, in pursuance of the present confederation, shall be deemed and considered as a charge against the United States, for payment and satisfaction whereof the said United States and the public faith are hereby solemnly pledged.

ART. 13. Every state shall abide by the determinations of the United States in congress assembled, on all questions which by this confederation are submitted to them: And the articles of this confederation shall be inviolably observed by every state, and the union shall be perpetual; nor shall any alteration at any time hereafter be made in any of them, unless such alteration be agreed to in a congress of the United States, and be afterwards confirmed by the legislatures of every state.

And whereas it hath pleased the great Governor of the world to incline the hearts of the legislatures we respectively represent in congress, to approve of, and to authorize us to ratify the said articles of confederation and perpetual union, Know ye, that we the undersigned delegates, by virtue of the power and authority to us given for that purpose, do, by these presents, in the name and in behalf of our respective constituents, fully and entirely ratify and confirm each and every of the said articles of confederation and perpetual union, and all and singular the matters and things therein contained: And we do further solemnly plight and engage the faith of our respective constituents, that they shall abide by the determinations of the United States in congress assembled, on all questions which by the said confederation are submitted to them; and that the articles thereof shall be inviolably observed by the states we respectively represent; and that the union shall be perpetual. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands in congress,

Done at Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, the ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1778, and in the third year of the independence of America:

New-Hampshire,	Josiah Bartlett, John Wentworth, jun.	Pennsylvania,	Jonathan Bayard Smith, William Clingan, Joseph Reed.
Massachusetts-Bay,	John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Elbridge Gerry, Francis Dana, James Lovell, Samuel Holton.	Delaware,	Thomas M. Kean, John Dickinson, Nicholas Vandyke.
Rhode-Island, &c.	William Ellery, Henry Merchant, John Collins.	Maryland,	John Hanlon, Daniel Carroll.
Connecticut,	Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, Oliver Wolcott, Titus Hosmer, Andrew Adams.	Virginia,	Richard Henry Lee, John Banister, Thomas Adams, John Harvey, Francis Lightfoot Lee.
New-York,	James Duane, Francis Lewis, William Duer, Gouverneur Morris.	North-Carolina,	John Penn, Cornelius Harnett, John Williams.
New-Jersey,	John Witherspoon, Nathaniel Scudder.	South-Carolina,	Henry Laurens, William Henry Drayton, John Matthews, Richard Hutton, Thomas Heyward, jun.
Pennsylvania,	Robert Morris, Daniel Roberdeau.	Georgia,	John Walton, Edward Telfair, Edward Langworthy.

The aforesaid articles of confederation were finally ratified on the first day of March, 1781, the state of Maryland having, by their members in congress, on that day, acceded thereto, and completed the same.