

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

ARTICLE VI.

All debts contracted and engagements entered into before the adoption of this constitution shall be as valid against the United States under this constitution as under the confederation.

This constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, any thing in the constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding.

The senators and representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

The ratification of the conventions of nine states shall be sufficient for the establishment of this constitution between the states so ratifying the same.

DONE in Convention, by the unanimous consent of the states present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the twelfth. IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, president,
And deputy from Virginia.

New-Hampshire,	{ John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman.	Delaware,	{ George Read, Gunning Bedford, jun. John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom.
Massachusetts,	{ Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King.	Maryland,	{ James M ^c Henry, Daniel of St. Tho. Jenifer, Daniel Carroll.
Connecticut,	{ William Samuel Johnson, Roger Sherman.	Virginia,	{ John Blair, James Madison, jun.
New-York,	Alexander Hamilton.	North-Carolina,	{ William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson.
New-Jersey,	{ William Livingston, David Brearley, William Patterson, Jonathan Dayton.	South-Carolina,	{ John Rutledge, Charles C. Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler.
Pennsylvania,	{ Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouverneur Morris.	Georgia,	{ William Few, Abraham Baldwin.

Attest.

WILLIAM JACKSON, secretary.

A M E N D M E N T S.

ARTICLE THE FIRST.

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.

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