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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED JANUARY 25, 1871;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN APPENDIX.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.



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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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PREAMBLE.

WE the people of the United states, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the

Preamble.
1 Wheat. 304.
324. 352.
4 Wheat. 316.
9 Wheat. 1.

5 Wheat. 153. blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and
5 Cranch, 844. establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION I.

Legislative
powers vested
in congress.
1 Wheat. 304.

1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION II.

House of representatives
how composed.
11 Mass. 424.

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the People of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

Qualification
of a representative.

2. No person shall be a representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen.

Apportionment of representatives and direct taxes.
See amendment, art. xiv. §2.

3. Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, *three-fifths of all other persons*. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of *New Hampshire* shall be entitled to choose three, *Massachusetts* eight, *Rhode Island* and *Providence plantations* one, *Connecticut* five, *New York* six, *New Jersey* four, *Pennsylvania* eight, *Delaware* one, *Maryland* six, *Virginia* ten, *North Carolina* five, *South Carolina* five, and *Georgia* three.

Census.

Vacancies to be filled.

4. When vacancies happen in the representation from any state, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

House of representatives to choose their own officers.
Power of impeachment.

5. The house of representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

SECTION III.

Senate how composed.

1. The Senate of the United State shall be composed of two senators from each state, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote.

How classified.

2. Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into

three classes. The seats of the senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one third may be chosen every second year; and if vacancies happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any state, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

7 Peters, 248.
Of temporary appointments.

3. No person shall be a senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state for which he shall be chosen.

Qualifications of a senator.

4. The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

Vice president to be president of the senate.

5. The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the United States.

President pro tem. and other officers may be chosen.

6. The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

Power to try impeachments.

7. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.

Effect of judgment in such cases.

SECTION IV.

1. The times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing senators.

Times, places and manner of electing members of congress.

2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Sessions annual, at least.

SECTION V.

1. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties as each House may provide.

Membership. Quorum. Adjournments.

2. Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish

Rules and orders.

Censures and
expulsion.
6 Wheat. 204.

Journals of
each house.

Limitation of
the right to ad-
journa.

its members for disorderly behavior, and with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member.

3. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

4. Neither House, during the session of Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

SECTION VI.

Compensation
and privileges.

1. The senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the United States. They shall in all cases, except treason, felony and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective Houses, and in going to, and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

To what offi-
ces members of
congress shall
not be appoint-
ed.

2. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no person holding any office under the United States, shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office.

SECTION VII.

Of bills for
raising reven-
ue.

1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other bills.

Of the presi-
dent's veto, in
case of bills.

2. Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States; if he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if

he had signed it, unless the Congress by their adjournment prevents its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

3. Every order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill.

Also in case of concurrent orders, resolutions or votes.

SECTION VIII.

The Congress shall have power

1. To lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Powers of congress. 2 Cran. 358. 5 Wheat. 1. 1 Cranch, 137. 4 Wheat. 123. 3 Dall. 171. 5 Wheat. 37. 9 Wheat. 1 54 Me. 544.

2. To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

2 Peters, 449 468. 9 Wheat. 1, 209. 11. Pet. 102. 2 Hall's

3. To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes; (a)

Am. Law Jour. 255. 12 Pet. 72. 24 Pick. 359. 4 Met. 282.

4. To establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States;

2 Wheat. 259. 5 Wheat. 1.

5. To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures;

4 Wheat. 122, 209. 12 Wheat. 213. 5 How. 410. 9 How. 560.

6. To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States;

7. To establish post offices and post roads;

8. To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries;

9. To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court;

5 Wheat. 253. 3 Wheat 610.

10. To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offences against the law of nations;

11. To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water;

8 Cranch, 110.

12. To raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years;

13. To provide and maintain a navy;

14. To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces;

15. To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions;

12 Wheat. 19.

16. To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the ser-

(a) 5 How. 504. 18 How. 518. 14 How. 563. 31 Maine, 360. 32 Maine, 345. 2 Gray, 339.

vice of the United States, reserving to the states respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

17. To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular states, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful buildings;—and

8 Mass. 72.
5 Wheat. 317.

2 Cranch, 358.
4 Wheat. 316.
2 Dall. 304.
1 Cranch, 137.
3 Wheat. 336.
5 Pet. 115.
6 Wheat. 204.
3 Wheat. 172.
7 Cranch, 116.

18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

9 Wheat. 738. 5 Cranch, 239. 12 Wheat. 136.

SECTION IX.

Restrictions upon the powers of congress.
1 Wash. C. C. R. 499.
3 Cranch, 448.
4 Cranch, 75.
7 Wheat. 38.
3 Pet. 193.
9 Pet. 704.
12 Wheat. 19.
3 Dall. 386.
6 Cranch, 37.
12 Wheat. 213.
17 How. 456.
3 Dall. 171.

1. The migration or importation of such persons as any of the states now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each person.

2. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.

3. No bill of attainder or ex post facto law shall be past.

4. No capitation, or other direct, tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

5. No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.

6. No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one state over those of another: nor shall vessels bound to, or from, one state, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay duties in another.

7. No money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

8. No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States: and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

SECTION X.

1. No state shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility. (a)

Powers withheld from the individual states.

5 Wheat. 1, 420. 8 Pet. 88.

2. No state shall, without the consent of the Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws: and the net produce of all duties and imposts, laid by any state on imports or exports, shall be for the use of the treasury of the United States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of the Congress. No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops, or ships of war in time of peace, enter into any agreement or compact with another state, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay.

Congress may permit certain acts, otherwise prohibited to the states.

12 Wheat. 419. 24 Pick. 359. 12 How. 299.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION I.

1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same term, be elected, as follows:

President and vice president.

2. Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of Electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

Electors of those officers.

3. *The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves. And they shall make a list of all the persons voted for, and of the number of votes for each; which list they shall sign and certify and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes*

Original mode of electing president and vice president.

[Amendment 12 substituted for the third clause in art. 2, § 1.]

(a) 2 Gall. C. C. R. 138. 3 Peters, 289. 4 Peters, 491, 514. 6 Cranch, 87. 6 Pick. 440. 3 Wash. C. C. R. 313. 7 Peters, 248. 4 Wheat. 122, 518. 12 Wheat. 218, 370. 11 Peters, 420, 257. 15 Mass. 447. 16 Mass. 245. 11 Maine, 118. 4 Dallas, 14. 2 Dallas, 304. 8 Wheat. 1. 7 Cranch 164. 9 Cranch, 48. 5 Peters, 456. 6 Wheat. 131. 2 Peters, 380, 627. 23 Maine, 318. 23 Pick. 360. 4 Peters, 410. 11 How. 135. 10 How, 511, 190, 281, 402, 1 How. 311. 2 How. 608. 3 How. 707. 6 How. 507, 301. 8 How. 163. 10 How. 395. 3 How. 133. 16 How. 369. 3 How. 534. 5 How. 295. 15 How. 304. 7 How. 279. 7 Cush. 58.

shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such majority, and have an equal number of votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately choose by ballot one of them for President; and if no person have a majority, then from the five highest on the list the said House shall in like manner choose the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. In every case, after the choice of the President, the person having the greatest number of votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal votes, the Senate shall choose from them by ballot the Vice President.

Time of choosing electors and when they shall vote.

4. The Congress may determine the time of choosing the Electors, and the day on which they shall give their votes; which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

Qualifications of President.

5. No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States.

Provisions for cases of vacancy in that office.

6. In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President be elected.

President's compensation.

7. The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services, a compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States, or any of them.

8. Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:—

His oath.

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

SECTION II.

President to be

1. The President shall be commander in chief of the army and

navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several states, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

commander-in-chief.
12 Wheat. 19.
May require the opinion of the heads of departments.
Reprieves and pardons.

2. He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law: but the Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments.

Of treaties and foreign intercourse.
1 Cranch, 137.
1 Pet. 296.
12 Pet. 524.
13 Pet. 415.
Appointment of public officers.
2 Brockenb. C. C. R. 96.
1 Pet. 511, 517.
13 Pet. 230.

3. The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.

Of vacancies in the recess of the senate.

SECTION III.

1. He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both houses, or either of them, and in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper; he shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers; he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and shall commission all the officers of the United States.

Further powers and duties.

SECTION IV.

1. The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Of removal of officers of the U. S. by impeachment.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION I.

1. The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as the Congress may, from time to time ordain and establish. The judges, both of the Supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior, and shall, at stated times, receive for their services, a com-

Judicial power, how vested.
Tenure of office.
Compensation.

pensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

SECTION II.

Extent of the
judicial power.
1 Wheat. 304.
6 Pet. 515.
13 How. 40.

5 Cranch, 61.
2 Gall. C. C.
R. 398, 474, 5.
3 Wheat. 330.
9 Wheat. 738.

[See Amend-
ment 11.]

Original and
appellate ju-
risdiction of
the supreme
court.
5 Pet. 1.
11 Wheat. 467.

Of trial by ju-
ry.

Where to be
held.

1. The judicial power shall extend to all cases, in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made, under their authority;—to all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers, and consuls;—to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction;—to controversies to which the United States shall be a party;—to controversies between two or more states;—(a) *between a state and citizens of another state*;—between citizens of different states,—between citizens of the same state claiming lands under grants of different states, and between a state, or the citizens thereof, and foreign states, citizens or subjects.

2. In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, and those in which a state shall be party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. (b) In all the other cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make. (c)

3. The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury; and such trials shall be held in the state where the said crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any state, the trial shall be at such place or places as the Congress may by law have directed.

SECTION III.

Definition of
treason and
mode of proof.

Its punish-
ment.

1. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

2. The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason, but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture except during the life of the person attainted.

(a) 12 Peters, 657—672. 11 Peters, 167. 1 Cranch, 137. 5 Peters, 190. 9 Peters, 704. 9 Cranch, 292. 7 Wheat. 38. 2 Wheat. 369. 3 Dallas, 17, 411. 4 Cranch, 75. 3 Peters 193. 5 Peters, 1. 6 Wheat. 264. 11 Wheat. 467. 7 Cranch, 103.

(b) 7 Wheat. 38, 534. 2 Wheat. 369. 3 Dallas, 17, 411. 3 Peters, 193. 5 Peters, 1, 190, 234. 2 Dall. 297. 7 Peters, 637. 12 Peters, 657—755. 6 Wheat. 264. 9 Wheat. 738.

(c) 7 Cranch, 103. 3 Dall. 321. 3 Cranch, 159, 268. 9 Wheat. 738. 5 Cranch, 344. 1 Wheat. 304. 7 Wheat. 38, 164. 2 Wheat. 363. 3 Wheat. 246, 433. 1 Peters, 562. 8 Wheat. 312. 4 Wheat. 311. 12 Wheat 117, 129. 6 Wheat. 448. 2 Peters, 449.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION I.

Full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state. And the Congress may by general laws prescribe the manner in which such acts, records and proceedings shall be proved, and the effect thereof. (a)

Mutual credit to be given to the public acts of the states. Mode of authenticating. 53 Me. 347.

SECTION II.

1. The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states.
2. A person charged in any state with treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from justice, and be found in another state, shall on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime.
3. No person held to service or labor in one state, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due.

Reciprocal right of citizenship. 6 Pick. 89. Fugitives from justice. 5 Metc. 536. Fugitives from service or labor. 1 Wash. C. C. R. 499. 2 Pick. 11. 16 Pet. 599.

SECTION III.

1. New states may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new state shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state; nor any state be formed by the junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the consent of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the Congress.
2. The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state.

Admission of new states. Power of congress as to the territory and other property of the U. S. 1 Pet. 511, 546.

SECTION IV.

The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion, and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence.

Obligation of the U. States to protect the several states.

ARTICLE V.

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this 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,

How the constitution may be amended.

(a) 7 Cranch, 481. 17 Mass. 521. 9 Mass. 462. 1 Caines, 460. 10 Me. 278. 3 Wheat. 234. 4 Metc. 333, 343. 13 Peters, 312. 9 How. 522. 11 How. 165.

shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this 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; *Provided* that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

Proviso.

ARTICLE VI.

Debts under the confederation assumed by the U. S.

1. 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.

Supremacy of U. States constitution and laws.

6 Wheat. 264, 331. 9 Wheat. 210.

4 Wheat. 316. Pet. C. C. R. 390.

1 Wash. C. C. R. 322.

6 Pet. 515. 1 Wheat. 304.

Oath required of public officers.

No religious test.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Ratification of this constitution.

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.

GEO. WASHINGTON—

President and deputy from Virginia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

JOHN LANGDON,

NICHOLAS GILMAN.

MASSACHUSETTS.

NATHANIEL GORHAM,

RUFUS KING.

CONNECTICUT.

WM. SAM'L JOHNSON,

ROGER SHERMAN.

NEW YORK.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

NEW JERSEY.

WIL: LIVINGSTON,
WM. PATTERSON,

DAVID BREARLEY,
JONA. DAYTON.

PENNSYLVANIA.

B. FRANKLIN,
ROBT. MORRIS,
THOS. FITZSIMONS,
JAMES WILSON,

THOMAS MIFFLIN,
GEO: CLYMER,
JARED INGERSOLL,
GOUV: MORRIS.

DELAWARE.

GEO: READ,
JOHN DICKINSON,
JACO: BROOM,

GUNNING BEDFORD, JR.,
RICHARD BASSETT.

MARYLAND.

JAMES MCHENRY,
DANL. CARROLL,

DAN: OF ST. THOS. JENIFER.

VIRGINIA.

JOHN BLAIR,

JAMES MADISON, JR.

NORTH CAROLINA.

WM. BLOUNT,
HU. WILLIAMSON,

RICH'D DOBBS SPALGHT.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

J. RUTLEDGE,
CHARLES PINCKNEY,

CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY,
PIERCE BUTLER.

GEORGIA.

WILLIAM FEW,

ABR. BALDWIN.

Attest:

WILLIAM JACKSON, *Secretary.*

The Constitution was adopted on the 17th of September, 1787, by the Convention appointed in pursuance of the resolution of the Congress of the Confederation, of the 21st February, 1787, and was ratified by the Conventions of the several States, as follows, viz:

By Convention of Delaware,	7th December,	1787.
“ “ “ Pennsylvania,	12th “	1787.
“ “ “ New Jersey,	18th “	1787.

By Convention of Georgia,	2d January,	1788.
“	“	“ Connecticut, 9th “
“	“	“ Massachusetts, 6th February,
“	“	“ Maryland, 28th April,
“	“	“ South Carolina, 23d May,
“	“	“ New Hampshire, 21st June,
“	“	“ Virginia, 26th June,
“	“	“ New York, 26th July,
“	“	“ North Carolina, 21st November,
“	“	“ Rhode Island, 29th May,

NOTE.—The foregoing constitution was, by the votes of nine states represented in Congress, on the thirteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, declared to have been ratified in the manner therein prescribed, and the first Wednesday of March, then next, was designated as the time for commencing proceedings under the same.

ARTICLES

IN ADDITION TO, AND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

Religious freedom, and the rights of speech, the press and petition. 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 II.

Right to bear arms. 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 III.

Restrictions on quartering troops. 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 IV.

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.

Restrictions on search and seizure.
3 Cranch, 448.

ARTICLE V.

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.

Rights of persons charged with crimes and of private property.

4 Wash. C. C. R. 402.
2 Sumner's C. C. R. 19.
7 Pet. 243.
2 Dal. 304.
2 Pet. 380, 657.

ARTICLE VI.

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.

Mode of trial in criminal cases.

ARTICLE VII.

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 jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Of trial by jury in civil actions.
1 Gall. C. C. R. 19.
2 Pet. 523.
14 Mass. 412.
3 Pet. 433.

ARTICLE VIII.

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

Of bail. Of fines or other punishments.

ARTICLE IX.

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

Rights reserved to the people.

ARTICLE X.

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.

Powers retained by the states and people.
3 Wash. C. C. R. 313.
11 Pet. 257.

ARTICLE XI.

U. S. courts
not to have ju-
risdiction of
suits brought
by individuals
against one of
the states.
3 Dal. 378.

The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another state, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign state.

ARTICLE XII.

Manner of
choosing pres-
ident and vice
president.

The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for President and Vice President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;—the President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;—the person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose, immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President, whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.

Choice by
house of rep-
resentatives in
case of no elec-
tion by the
electors.

Choice of vice
president by
the senate, in
case of no elec-
tion by the
electors.

The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice President, shall be the Vice President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice.

His qualifica-
tions.

But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President, shall be eligible to that of Vice President of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII.

SEC. 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Slavery abolished.

SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Congress power to enforce this article.

ARTICLE XIV.

SEC. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Who are citizens of the United States and of the States, their privileges and immunities.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

Apportionment of representatives.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each house, remove such disability.

Certain persons disqualified from holding office.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or

Validity of the public debt not to be questioned.

emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Congress power to enforce this article.

SEC. 5. The congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE XV.

Right of impartial suffrage.

SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

Congress power to enforce this article.

SEC. 2. The congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

NOTE.—The first ten of the foregoing amendments were proposed at the first session of the first congress held under the constitution; the eleventh amendment was proposed at the second session of the third congress; the twelfth, at the first session of the eighth congress; the thirteenth, at the second session of the thirty-eighth congress; the fourteenth, at the first session of the thirty-ninth congress, and the fifteenth, at the third session of the fortieth congress, and were all adopted by the number of states required by the fifth article of the original constitution.