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or assume the duties of a Representative (H. Res. 80, Feb. 24, 1981, pp. 2916-18).

### ARTICLE VII.

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine §207. Ratification of States, shall be sufficient for the the Constitution. 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,

Go WASHINGTON—Presidt. and Deputy from Virginia.

[Signed also by the deputies of twelve States.]

New Hampshire.

JOHN LANGDON, NICHOLAS GILMAN.

Massachusetts.

NATHANIEL GORHAM, RUFUS KING.

Connecticut.

WM. SAML. JOHNSON, ROGER SHERMAN.

New York.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

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New Jersey.

WIL: LIVINGSTON, WM. PATERSON, DAVID BREARLEY, JONA: DAYTON.

Pennsylvania.

B Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Rob<sup>T</sup> Morris, Geo. Clymer, Thos. FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouv Morris.

Delaware.

GEO. READ, GUNNING BEDFORD JUN, JOHN DICKINSON, RICHARD BASSETT.

JACO BROOM,

JAMES MCHENRY, DAN OF ST THOS. JENIFER.

DAN<sup>1</sup> CARROLL,

Virginia.

Maryland.

JOHN BLAIR, JAMES MADISON Jr.

North Carolina.

WM. BLOUNT, RICH'D. DOBBS SPAIGHT. HU WILLIAMSON,

South Carolina.

J. RUTLEDGE, CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY,

CHARLES PINCKNEY, PIERCE BUTLER.

Georgia.

WILLIAM FEW, ABR BALDWIN.

Attest: William Jackson, Secretary.

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ARTICLES IN ADDITION TO, AND AMENDMENT OF, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PROPOSED BY CONGRESS, AND RATIFIED BY THE SEVERAL STATES PURSUANT TO THE FIFTH ARTICLE OF THE ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION $^a$ 

#### AMENDMENT I.

Congress shall make no law respecting an es-§208. Freedom of tablishment of religion, or prohibitreligion, of speech, and of peaceable ing the free exercise thereof; or assembly. 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.

### AMENDMENT II.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United States were proposed to the legislatures of the several States by the First Congress on September 25, 1789 (this date and the date succeeding amendments were proposed is the date of final Congressional action—signature by the presiding officer of the Senate—as is shown in the Senate Journals). They were ratified by the following States, on the dates shown, and the notifications by the governors thereof of ratification were communicated by the President to Congress: New Jersey, November 20, 1789; Maryland, December 19, 1789; North Carolina, December 22, 1789; South Carolina, January 19, 1790; New Hampshire, January 25, 1790; Delaware, January 28, 1790; New York, February 27, 1790; Pennsylvania, March 10, 1790; Rhode Island, June 7, 1790; Vermont, November 3, 1791; and Virginia, December 15, 1791. Ratification was completed on December 15, 1791. The amendments were subsequently ratified by Massachusetts, March 2, 1939; Georgia, March 18, 1939; and Connecticut, April 19, 1939.