

Onondegá and the General Congress. The boundaries and lands of all the other Indians shall also be ascertained and secured to them in the same manner; and persons appointed to reside among them in proper Districts, who shall take care to prevent injustice in the trade with them; and be enabled at our General expence, by occasional small supplies, to relieve their personal wants and distresses, and all purchases from them shall be by the Congress, for the general advantage and benefit of the United Colonies.

XII.

As all new institutions may have imperfections, which only time and experience can discover, it is agreed, that the General Congress, from time to time, shall propose such amendments of this constitution as may be found necessary, which being approved by a majority of the Colony Assemblies, all be equally binding with the rest of the Articles of this Confederation.

XIII.

Any and every Colony from Great Britain upon the Continent of North America, not at present engaged in our Association, may, upon application and joining the said Association, be received into the Confederation, viz. Quebec, St. John's, Nova Scotia, Bermudas, and the East and West Florida's, and shall thereupon be entitled to all the advantages of our union, mutual assistance, and commerce.

These Articles shall be proposed to the several Provincial Conventions or Assemblies, to be by them considered; and, if approved, they are advised to empower their Delegates to agree and ratify the same in the ensuing Congress; after which the union thereby established is to continue firm, till the terms of reconciliation proposed in the Petition of the last Congress to the King are agreed to; till the Acts, since made, restraining the American commerce and fisheries, are repealed; till reparation is made for the injury done to Boston by shutting up its ports; for burning Charlestown, and for the expence of this unjust war; and till all the British troops are withdrawn from America. On the arrival of these events, the Colonies are to return to their former connections and friendship with Great Britain; but on failure thereof, this Confederation is to be perpetual.

WHEREAS