

*DONE at PARIS, this sixth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.*

- (L. S.) C. A. GERARD.
- (L. S.) B. FRANKLIN.
- (L. S.) SILAS DEANE.
- (L. S.) ARTHUR LEE.

The undersigned, being the plenipotentiaries of the thirteen united Colonies, and of the King of Great Britain, by their respective Powers, have agreed upon the following Articles:

Article 1. That the thirteen united Colonies be, and they are hereby, united into one free and independent State, under the Name of the United States of America.

Article 2. That the said States, when united, shall be considered as one Nation, and shall have Power to make War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, enter into Commercials, and to do all other Acts and Things which independent States may of Right do.

Article 3. That the said States shall have full Power to levy Taxes, to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, to borrow Money, and to issue Bills of Credit, in the Limits to which they shall be respectively bound.

Article 4. That the said States shall have full Power to regulate the Commerce and Trade of the said States, so far as it may respect one another, or the Commerce with foreign Nations.

Article 5. That the said States shall have full Power to regulate the Coinage, Weights and Measures.

Article 6. That the said States shall have full Power to enter into all such Treaties, Intercourses, or Commercials, as they shall think proper to be entered into, with any one or more other States, Kingdoms, or Nations, in the Limits to which they shall be respectively bound.

Article 7. That the said States shall have full Power to send and receive Ambassadors, or Ministers, to and from any one or more other States, Kingdoms, or Nations, in the Limits to which they shall be respectively bound.

Article 8. That the said States shall have full Power to make all such Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, Orders, and Decrees, as they shall think proper to be made, for the better Regulation of the said States, in all other Things not hereinbefore particularly mentioned.

Article 9. That the said States shall have full Power to do all other Acts and Things which independent States may of Right do.

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