

An ABSTRACT of the  
CONSTITUTION and FORM of GOVERNMENT  
OF THE  
Several STATES in AMERICA.

MASSACHUSETT'S BAY.

THE preamble, frame of government, legislative and executive powers, finally settled by convention at Cambridge, March 2, 1780.

The *General Court*, or *Legislative Power*, to be formed of two branches, the *Senate* and *House of Representatives*, each having a negative on the other. The *Senators* to be annually chosen by the freeholders in the following quantum, viz. County of Suffolk 6, Essex 6, Middlesex 5, Hampshire 4, Plymouth 3, Barnstable 1, Bristol 3, York 2, Duke's and Nantucket 1, Worcester 5, Cumberland 1, Lincoln 1, Berkshire 2; in all 40.

The *House of Representatives* annually chosen by the inhabitants of towns, in certain proportions, and paid by the constituent body.

The *Executive Power*, a *Governor*, and *Lieutenant-Governor*, each to be chosen annually by the whole body of electors in the commonwealth, and assisted by nine *Counsellors*, chosen by ballot, out of the Senate. The *Secretary*, *Treasurer*, *Receiver-General*, *Notaries Public*, and *Naval Officers*, are chosen annually by the Senators and Representatives. The *Judiciary Power* to be septennial, and the *Delegates to Congress* shall be annually elected by and out of the Senate and House of Representatives, or General Court. The Governor has a negative on bills sent to him for assent from the General Court, but has no controul in their choice of officers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE-ISLAND, and CONNECTICUT,

Hath either not yet established new forms of Government, or have adopted that of Massachusetts Bay.

NEW YORK.

Established in Convention April 20, 1777.

The supreme legislative power vested in two separate and distinct bodies, the *Assembly* and the *Senate*; the former to consist of seventy Members, annually chosen by the freeholders and inhabitants of counties, by ballot, and the Senate of twenty-four, for four years, by the four districts, in the following proportions, viz.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT 9 Senators.

City and county of New York 9, Westchester 6, Suffolk 5, Queen's 4, King's 2, Richmond 2 Representatives.

EASTERN DISTRICT 3 Senators.

Charlotte 4, Cumberland 3, Gloucester 2 Representatives.

WESTERN DISTRICT 6 Senators.

City and county of Albany 10, Tryon 6 Representatives.

MIDDLE DISTRICT 6 Senators.

Dutchess 7, Ulster 6, Orange 4 Representatives.

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