

infant. No person shall be a witness in open court, or to declare the punishment of treason shall work conviction during the life of the

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shall be given, in each state, judicial proceedings of every kind, may, by general laws, precepts, records and proceedings thereof.

state shall be entitled to all rights in the several states, to wit, with treason, felony, or in justice, and be found in of the executive authority be delivered up, to be re- viction of the crime.

labor in one state, under the other, shall, in consequence in, be discharged from such delivered up on claim of the labor may be due.

admitted by the congress into shall be formed or erected there; nor any state be or more states, or parts of the legislatures of the states congress.

er to dispose of, and make all respecting the territory or the United States; and nothing construed, as to prejudice any of any particular state.

shall guarantee to every state form of government; and shall laws; and on application tative (when the legisla- ture is in session).

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two-thirds of both houses shall propose amendments to this consti-

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tution, 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, 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.

ARTICLE VI.

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.

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.

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.

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.

*Go: WASHINGTON, President,
and Deputy from Virginia.*