

Combined State Acts Authorizing the Election of Delegates for the 1787 Constitutional Convention

Connecticut

CT Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 17 May 1787

An Act for appointing Delegates to meet in a Convention of the States, to be held at the City of Philadelphia, on the 2d. Monday of May instant.

Whereas the Congress of the United States, by their Act of the 21st of February 1787, have recommended that on the 2d Monday of May instant, a Convention of Delegates, who shall have been appointed by the several States, be held at Philadelphia, for the sole & express Purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation.

Be it enacted by the Governor Council & Representatives in General Court assembled, and by Authority of the same—

That the Honble William S. Johnson, Roger Sherman & Oliver Ellsworth Esqrs be, and they hereby are, appointed Delegates to attend the sd Convention, and are requested to proceed to the City of Philadelphia for that Purpose, without Delay, and the said Delegates, and in Case of Sickness or Accident, such one or more of them, **as shall actually attend the said Convention, is and are hereby authorized and empowered to represent this State therein, & to confer with such Delegates appointed by the several States, for the Purposes mentioned in the sd Act of Congress, that may be present and duly empowered to act in said Convention, and to discuss upon such Alterations and Provisions, agreeable to the general Principles of Republican Government, as they shall think proper, to render the foederal Constitution adequate to the Exigencies of Government, and the Preservation of the Union;** and they are further directed, pursuant to the said Act of Congress, to report such Alterations and Provisions, as may be agreed to, by a Majority of the united States represented in Convention, to the Congress of the United States, and to the General Assembly of this State.

passd. in the upper House

Test. George Wylls Secrety

Concurred, in the lower

House Test. Jed Huntington

Clerk

Delaware

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 3 February 1787

An ACT appointing Deputies from this State to the Convention, proposed to be held in the City of Philadelphia, for the Purpose of revising the Foederal Constitution.

Whereas the General Assembly of this State are fully convinced of the Necessity of revising the Foederal Constitution, and adding thereto such further Provisions as may render the same more adequate to the Exigencies of the Union; and whereas the Legislature of *Virginia* have already passed an Act of that Commonwealth, appointing and authorizing certain Commissioners to meet, at the City of Philadelphia, in *May* next, a Convention of Commissioners or Deputies from the different States: And this State being willing and desirous of co-operating with the Commonwealth of *Virginia*, and the other States in the Confederation, in so useful a Design;

Sect. 1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of *Delaware*, That *George Read, Gunning Bedford, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, and Jacob Broom*, Esquires, are hereby appointed Deputies from this State to meet in the Convention of the Deputies of other States, to be held at the City of *Philadelphia* on the Second Day of *May* next. And the said *George Read, Gunning Bedford, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, and Jacob Broom*, Esquires, or any Three of them, **are hereby constituted and appointed Deputies from this State, with Powers to meet such Deputies as may be appointed and authorized by the other States to assemble in the said Convention at the City aforesaid, and to join with them in devising, deliberating on, and discussing, such Alterations and further Provisions, as may be necessary to render the Foederal Constitution adequate to the Exigencies of the Union;** and in reporting such Act or Acts for that Purpose to the United States in Congress assembled, as when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several States, may effectually provide for the same: So always and provided, that such Alterations, or further Provisions, or any of them, do not extend to that Part of the Fifth Article of the Confederation of the said States, finally ratified on the first Day of *March*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, which declares, that "in determining Questions in the United States in Congress assembled, each State shall have one Vote."

Sect. 2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any of the said Deputies, hereby nominated, shall happen to die, or to resign his or their Appointment, the President or Commander in Chief, with the Advice of the Privy-Council, in the Recess of the General Assembly, is hereby authorized to supply such Vacancies.

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*Signed, by Order of the House of
Assembly, JOHN COOK, Speaker.*

*Signed, by Order of the
Council, GEORGE*

*CRAGHEAD, Speaker. Passed,
at Dover, February 3, 1787.*

Georgia

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 10 February 1787

AN ORDINANCE For the Appointment of Deputies from this State for the Purpose of revising the Federal Constitution.

Be it ordained by the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That William Few, Abraham Baldwin, William Pierce, George Walton, William Houstoun, and Nathaniel Pendleton, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorised as deputies from this state to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorised by other states, to assemble in convention at Philadelphia, and to join with them in devising and discussing all such alterations and farther provisions, as may be necessary to render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union, and in reporting such an Act for that purpose to the United States in Congress assembled, as when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same. In case of the death of any of the said deputies, or of their declining their appointments, the Executive are hereby authorised to supply such vacancies.

By Order of the House,

WILLIAM GIBBONS,

Speaker. Augusta,

February 10, 1787.

Massachusetts

House Resolution of 7 March Repealing the Resolution of 22 February 1787

Whereas on the 22d day of February 1787, it was, by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, Resolved, that five Commissioners be appointed by the General Assembly, who, or any three of whom, were empowered to meet such Commissioners as are or may be appointed by the Legislatures of the other States in the Union at Philadelphia on the second day of May next for purposes mentioned in said resolution—

Resolved, that the said resolve, & every part thereof be, & it is hereby repealed—

Resolved, that the Secretary be, & he is hereby directed not to publish or print this, or the first mentioned resolve, any resolve or order to the contrary notwithstanding—

House Substitute of 7 March for the Resolution of 22 February

Whereas Congress did on the 21st day of February 1787 Resolve, “that in the opinion of Congress it is expedient that on the second monday in May next a Convention of Delegates who shall have been appointed by the several States to be held at Philadelphia, for the sole & express purpose of revising the articles of Confederation, and reporting to Congress & the several Legislatures, such alterations & provisions therein, as shall when agreed to in Congress, and confirmed by the States, render the federal Constitution adequate to the exigences of Government; & the preservation of the Union”—

And Whereas the Legislature of this Commonwealth did on the third day of this present month elect the honorable Francis Dana, Elbridge Gerry, Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King, and Caleb Strong esquires, Delegates, or any three of them to attend and represent this Commonwealth at the aforesaid Convention, for the sole & express purpose mentioned in the aforerecited resolve of Congress—

Resolved that his excellency the Governour be, & he hereby is requested to grant to the said Francis Dana, Elbridge Gerry, Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King & Caleb Strong esqrs a commission agreeably to said resolution of Congress

Senate Amendment to the House Substitute, 9 March

And it is further Resolved, that the Said Delegates on the part of this Commonwealth be, and they are hereby instructed not to accede to any alterations or additions that may be proposed to be made in the present Articles of Confederation, which may appear to them, not to consist with the true republican Spirit and Genius of the Said Confederation: and particularly that they by no means interfere with the fifth of the Said Articles which provides, “for the annual election of Delegates in Congress, with a power reserved to each State to recal its Delegates, or any of them within the Year & to send others in their stead for the remainder of the year—

And which also provides, that no person shall be capable of being a Delegate for more than three years in any term of six years, or being a Delegate shall be capable of holding any Office under the United States for which he or any other for his benefit, receives any salary, fees, or emolument of any kind” —

Ordered that the Secretary serve the aforementioned Delegates, severally, and such others as may hereafter be appointed in their stead with an attested copy of the last foregoing resolve—

Maryland

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 26 May 1787

An ACT for the appointment of, and conferring powers in, deputies from this state to the federal convention.

Be it enacted, *by the general assembly of Maryland*, That the honourable James McHenry, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Daniel Carroll, John Francis Mercer, and Luther Martin, Esquires, be appointed and authorised, on behalf of this state, to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorised by any other of the United States to assemble in convention at Philadelphia, for the purpose of revising the federal system, and **to join with them in considering such alterations, and further provisions, as may be necessary to render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union**, and in reporting such an act for that purpose to the United States in congress assembled, as, when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same; and the said deputies, or such of them as shall attend the said convention, shall have full power to represent this state for the purposes aforesaid; and the said deputies are hereby directed to report the proceedings of the said convention, and any act agreed to therein, to the next session of the general assembly of this state.

North Carolina

Act Authorizing the Election of Delegates, 6 January 1787

An Act for appointing Deputies from this state, to a convention proposed to be held in the city of Philadelphia in May next, for the purpose of revising the foederal constitution.

Whereas in the formation of the foederal compact which frames the bond of union of the American states, it was not possible in the infant state of our republics to devise a system which in the course of time and experience would not manifest imperfections that it would be necessary to reform. **And whereas the limited powers which by the articles of confederation are vested in the Congress of the United States, have been found far inadequate to the**

enlarged purposes which they were intended to produce. And whereas Congress hath by repeated and most urgent representations, endeavoured to awaken this and the other states of the union, to a sense of the truly critical and alarming situation into which they must be unavoidably cast, unless measures are forthwith taken to enlarge the powers of Congress, that they may thereby be enabled to avert the dangers which threaten our existence as a free and independent people. And whereas this state hath been ever desirous to act upon the enlarged system of the general good of the United States, without bounding its views to the narrow and selfish object of partial convenience, and has been at all times ready to make every concession to the safety and happiness of the whole, which justice and sound policy could vindicate:

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, and by the authority of the same,* That five Commissioners be appointed by joint ballot of both Houses of Assembly, who, or any three of them, are hereby authorised as Deputies from this state, to meet at Philadelphia on the first day of May next, then and there to meet and confer with such Deputies as may be appointed by the other states for similar purposes, and with them to discuss and decide upon the most effectual means to remove the defects of our foederal union, and to procure the enlarged purposes which it was intended to effect, and that they report such an act to the General Assembly of this state, as when agreed to by them, will effectually provide for the same.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That in case of the death or resignation of any of the said Deputies, or of their declining their appointments, his Excellency the Governor for the time being, is hereby authorised to supply such vacancies, and the Governor is required to transmit forthwith a copy of this act to the United States in Congress assembled, and to the executives of each of the states in the union.

New Hampshire

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 27 June 1787

An Act for Appointing Deputies from This State to the Convention, Proposed to Be Holden in the City of Philadelphia in May 1787 for the Purpose of Revising the Federal Constitution

Whereas in the formation of the federal compact, which frames the bond of union of the amirican-states, it was not possible in the infant state of our republic to devise a system which in the course of time and experiance, would not manifest imperfections, that it would be necessary to reform.

And Whereas, the limited powers, which by the articles of confederation are vested in the Congress of the united states, have been found far inadequate to the enlarged purposes which they were intended to produce.

And whereas Congress hath, by repeated and most urgent representations, endeavoured to awaken this, and other states of the union, to a sense of the truly critical, and alarming situation, in which they may inevitably be involved, unless timely measures be taken to enlarge the powers of Congress, that they may thereby be enabled, to avert the dangers which threaten our existence, as a free and independant people. And whereas, this state hath been ever desirous to act upon the liberal system of the general good of the united states, without circumscribing its views to the narrow, and selfish objects, of partial convenience; and has been at all times ready to make every concession to the safety and happiness of the whole, which justice and sound policy could vindicate—

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in general court convened, that John Langdon, John Pickering, Nicholas Gilman, and Benjamin West Esqrs be, and hereby are, appointed Commissioners; they, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, and impowered, as Deputies from this State to meet at Philadelphia said Convention, or any other place to which the said Convention may be adjourned; for the purposes aforesaid, there to confer with such deputies, as are, or may be appointed by the other States for similar purposes; and with them to discuss and decide upon the most effectual means to remedy the defects of our federal union; and to procure, and secure, the enlarged purposes which it was intended to effect, and to report such an act, to the United States in Congress, as when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several States, will effectually provide for the same—

New Jersey

Resolution Authorizing and Empowering the Delegates, 24 November 1786

Resolved, That the Honorable David Brearley, William C. Houston, William Paterson and John Neilson, esquires, commissioners appointed on the part of this state, or any three of them, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to meet such commissioners as have been or may be appointed by the other states in the Union at the city of Philadelphia, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the second Monday in May next, for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the Union as to trade and other important objects, and of devising such further provisions as shall appear necessary to render the Constitution of the federal government adequate to the exigencies thereof.

New York

Assembly and Senate Authorize Election of Delegates, 26–28 February 1787

THE ASSEMBLY, 26 February

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Resolved (if the honorable the Senate concur herein), That five delegates be appointed on the part of this state, to meet such delegates as may be appointed on the part of the other states respectively, on the second Monday in May next, at Philadelphia, for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation and reporting to Congress, and to the several legislatures, such alterations and provisions therein, as shall, when agreed to in Congress, and confirmed by the several states, render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of government and the preservation of the Union; and that in case of such concurrence, the two houses of the legislature will meet, on Thursday next, at such place as the honorable the Senate shall think proper, for the purpose of electing the said delegates, by joint ballot.

Ordered, That Mr. John Livingston deliver a copy of the last preceding resolution to the honorable the Senate.

THE SENATE, 26

February

Ordered, That the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until tomorrow.

THE SENATE, 27 February

Resolved, That the Senate do not concur with the honorable the Assembly in their said resolution. Ordered, That Mr. Williams deliver a copy of the preceding resolution of nonconcurrence to the honorable the Assembly. THE SENATE, 28 February
[A resolution was offered which copied the House resolution of 26 February, except for two changes: (1) the election was to be held on the following Tuesday instead of Thursday and (2) the delegates were to be elected in the manner provided by the state constitution [210] for the election of delegates to Congress; that is by the two houses balloting separately rather than jointly.]

Which resolution having been read, Mr. Haring moved that instead of *five*, that *three* delegates be appointed for the purposes set forth in the said resolution. Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, in manner following, viz.:

For the affirmative. Mr. Yates, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Haring, Mr. Ward, Mr. Russell, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Hathorn, Mr. Humfrey, Mr. Parks, Mr. Williams.

For the negative. Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Morris, Mr. Peter Schuyler, Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Philip Schuyler.

Mr. Haring then moved to expunge, after the words "Tuesday next" to the end of the resolution, and to substitute the following, viz.: "Meet at such place as the honorable the Assembly shall think proper for the purpose of electing the said delegates by joint ballot." Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative, in manner following viz.:

For the negative. Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Morris, Mr. Peter Schuyler, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Humfrey, Mr. Parks, Mr. Williams, Mr. Philip Schuyler.

For the affirmative. Mr. Yates, Mr. Haring, Mr. Ward, Mr. Russell, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Hathorn.

Mr. Yates then moved to insert in the said resolution, after the words "and provisions herein," the following, viz.: "not repugnant to or inconsistent with the constitution of this state." Debates arose, and the question being put thereon, it was carried in the negative, in manner following, viz.:

For the negative. Mr. Stoutenburgh, Mr. Tredwell, Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Townsend, Mr. Morris, Mr. Peter Schuyler, Mr. L'Hommedieu, Mr. Williams, Mr. Philip Schuyler.

For the affirmative. Mr. Yates, Mr. Haring, Mr. Ward, Mr. Russell, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Swartwout, Mr. Hathorn, Mr. Humfrey, Mr. Parks.

The Senate being equally divided upon the question, His Honor the President [Pierre Van Cortlandt] voted in the negative. Thereupon,

Resolved (if the honorable the Assembly concur herein), **That three delegates be appointed on the part of this state, to meet such delegates as may be appointed on the part of the other states respectively, on the second Monday in May next at Philadelphia for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation, and reporting to Congress and to the several legislatures such alterations and provisions therein as shall when agreed to in Congress and confirmed by the several states, render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of government and the preservation of the Union**; and that in case of such concurrence the two houses of the legislature will on Tuesday next, proceed to nominate and appoint the said delegates in like manner as is directed by the constitution of this state, for nominating and appointing delegates to Congress.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams deliver a copy of the preceding resolution to the honorable the Assembly.

THE ASSEMBLY, 28 February

Resolved, That the House do concur with the honorable the Senate, in the said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Dongan deliver a copy of the last preceding resolution of concurrence, to the honorable the Senate.

Pennsylvania

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 30 December 1786

An ACT appointing Deputies to the Convention, intended to be held in the City of Philadelphia, for the purpose of revising the Foederal Constitution.

Sect. I. Whereas the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, taking into their serious consideration the representations heretofore made to the Legislatures of the several States in the Union, by the United States in Congress assembled; and also weighing the difficulties under which the Confoederated States now labour, are fully convinced of the necessity of revising the Foederal Constitution, for the purpose of making such alterations and amendments as the exigencies of our public affairs require: *And whereas* the Legislature of the state of Virginia have already passed an act of that Commonwealth, empowering certain commissioners to meet at the city of Philadelphia, in May next, a convention of commissioners, or deputies, from the different states; and the Legislature of this state are fully sensible of the important advantages which may be derived to the United States, and every of them, from co-operating with the commonwealth of Virginia, and the other states of the confederation, in the said design.

Sect. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas Fitzsimons, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris, Esquires, are hereby appointed deputies from this state to meet in the convention of the deputies of the respective states of North-America, to be held at the city of Philadelphia, on the second day of the month of May next. And the said Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas Fitzsimons, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris, Esquires, or any four of them are hereby constituted and appointed deputies from this state, with powers to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorised by the other states to assemble in the said convention at the city aforesaid, and **to join with them in devising, deliberating on, and discussing all such alterations and further provisions as may be necessary to render the foederal constitution fully adequate to the exigencies of the Union;** and in reporting such act or acts for that purpose, to the United States in Congress assembled, as when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same.

Sect. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case any of the said deputies, hereby nominated, shall happen to die, or to resign his or their said appointment or appointments, the Supreme Executive Council shall be and hereby are empowered and

required to nominate and appoint other person or persons in lieu of him or them so deceased, or who has or have so resigned; which person or persons, from and after such nomination and appointment, shall be, and hereby are declared to be vested with the same powers respectively, as any of the deputies nominated and appointed by this act, is vested with by the same. *Provided always*, that the Council are not hereby authorised, nor shall they make any such nomination or appointment, except in vacation, and during the recess of the General Assembly of this state.

Signed by Order of the

House, THOMAS MIFFLIN,

Speaker:

Enacted into a Law at Philadelphia, on Saturday, December, the thirtieth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty six.

PETER ZACHARY LLOYD, Clerk of the General Assembly.

South Carolina

Act Authorizing the Election of Delegates, 8 March 1787

AN ACT For appointing deputies from the state of South-Carolina to a convention of the united states of America, proposed to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the month of May. one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven for the purpose of revising the foederal constitution.

WHEREAS the powers at present vested in the united states in congress assembled, by the articles of confederation and perpetual union of the said states, are found by experience greatly inadequate to the weighty purposes they were originally intended to answer, and it is become absolutely necessary to the welfare of the confederate states that other and more ample powers in certain cases should be vested in and exercised by the said united states in congress assembled, and also that the articles of confederation and perpetual union of the united states should be revised, in order to remedy defects, which at their original formation in the time of war and general tumult could not be foreseen nor sufficiently provided against: AND WHEREAS this state is and ever hath been ready and willing to co-operate with the other states in union, in devising and adopting such measures as will most effectually ensure the peace and general welfare of the confederacy:

Be it enacted by the honorable the senate and house of representatives now met and sitting in general assembly, and by the authority of the same, THAT five commissioners be forthwith appointed by joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives, who or any three or more of them, being first duly commissioned by his excellency the governor for the time

being, under his hand and the great seal of the state, by virtue of this act. shall be and are hereby authorised as deputies from this state. to meet such deputies or commissioners as may be appointed and authorised by other of the united states, to assemble in convention at the city of Philadelphia in the month of May next after passing this act. or as soon thereafter as may be, and **to join with such deputies or commissioners, they being duly authorised and impowered in devising and discussing all such alterations, clauses, articles and provisions as may be thought necessary to render the foederal constitution entirely adequate to the actual situation and future good government of the confederated states**, and that the said deputies or commissioners, or a majority of those who shall be present, provided the state be not represented by less than two, do join in reporting such an act to the united states in congress assembled, as when approved and agreed to by them, and duly ratified and confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the exigencies of the union.

In the Senate house, the eighth day of March, in the year of Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and in the eleventh year of the independence of the united states of

America. JOHN LLOYD, President of the Senate.

JOHN JULIUS PRINGLE, Speaker of the house of representatives.

Virginia

Act Authorizing the Election of Delegates, 23 November 1786

An ACT for appointing DEPUTIES from this Commonwealth to a CONVENTION proposed to be held in the City of Philadelphia in May next, for the purpose of revising the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

Section I. Whereas the Commissioners who assembled at Annapolis, on the fourteenth day of September last, for the purpose of devising and reporting the means of enabling Congress to provide effectually for the Commercial Interests of the United States, have represented the necessity of extending the revision of the Federal System to all its defects; and have recommended that Deputies for that purpose be appointed by the several Legislatures, to meet in Convention in the City of Philadelphia, on the second day of May next; a provision which seems preferable to a discussion of the subject in Congress, where it might be too much interrupted by the ordinary business before them, and where it would besides be deprived of the valuable counsels of sundry individuals, who are disqualified by the Constitution or Laws of particular States, or restrained by peculiar circumstances from a seat in that Assembly: And whereas the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, taking into view the actual situation of the Confederacy, as well as reflecting on the alarming representations made from time to time by the United States in Congress, particularly in their Act of the fifteenth day of February last,² can no longer doubt that the crisis is arrived at which the good people of America are to

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decide the solemn question, whether they will by wise and magnanimous efforts reap the just fruits of that Independence, which they have so gloriously acquired, and of that Union which they have cemented with so much of their common blood; or whether by giving way to unmanly jealousies and prejudices, or to partial and transitory interests, they will renounce the auspicious blessings prepared for them by the Revolution, and furnish to its enemies an eventual triumph over those by whose virtue and valour it has been accomplished: And whereas the same noble and extended policy, and the same fraternal and affectionate sentiments, which originally determined the Citizens of this Commonwealth to unite with their brethren of the other States in establishing a Federal Government, cannot but be felt with equal force now, as motives to lay aside every inferior consideration, and to concur in such further concessions and provisions, as may be necessary to secure the great objects for which that Government was instituted, and to render the United States as happy in peace, as they have been glorious in war:

Sect. II. *BE it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia,* That seven Commissioners be appointed by joint ballot of both Houses of Assembly, who, or any three of them, are hereby authorized as Deputies from this Commonwealth, to meet such Deputies as may be appointed and authorised by other States, to assemble in Convention at Philadelphia, as above recommended, and **to join with them in devising and discussing all such alterations and further provisions, as may be necessary to render the Federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of the Union,** and in reporting such an Act for that purpose, to the United States in Congress, as, when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several States, will effectually provide for the same.

Sect. III. *AND be it further enacted,* That in case of the death of any of the said Deputies, or of their declining their appointments, the Executive are hereby authorised to supply such vacancies. And the Governor is requested to transmit forthwith a copy of this Act to the United States in Congress, and to the Executives of each of the States in the Union.