**Ratification of the Constitution by the State of Delaware; December 7, 1787.** **[(1)](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/ratde.asp%22%20%5Cl%20%221)**

We the Deputies of the People of the Delaware State, in Convention met, having taken into our serious consideration the [Federal Constitution](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/usconst.asp) proposed and agreed upon by the Deputies of the United States in a General Convention held at the City of Philadelphia on the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, Have approved, assented to, ratified, and confirmed, and by these Presents, Do, in virtue of the Power and Authority to us given for that purpose, for and in behalf of ourselves and our Constituents, fully, freely, and entirely approve of, assent to, ratify, and confirm the said [Constitution](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/usconst.asp).

Done in Convention at Dover this seventh day of December in the year aforesaid, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the twelfth. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our Names-

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| Sussex County JOHN INGRAM JOHN JONES WILLIAM MOORE WILLIAM HALL THOMAS LAWS ISAAC COOPER WOODMAN STORKLY JOHN LAWS THOMAS EVANS ISRAEL HOLLAND | Kent CountyNICHOLAS RIDGELEYRICHARD SMITHGEORGE TRUITTRICHARD BASSETTJAMES SYKESALLEN MCLANEDANIEL CUMMINS senrJOSEPH BARKEREDWARD WHITEGEORGE MANLOVE | New Castle CountyJAs LATIMER, President JAMES BLACKJNo JAMESGUNNING BEDFORD senr KENSEY JOHNSTHOMAS WATSONSOLOMON MAXWELL NICHOLAS WAYTHOMAS DUFFGUNNG BEDFORD Junr |

To all whom these Presents shall come Greeting, I Thomas Collins President of the Delaware State do hereby certify, that the above instrument of writing is a true copy of the original ratification of the [Federal Constitution](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/usconst.asp) by the Convention of the Delaware State, which original ratification is now in my possession. In Testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Delaware State to be hereunto an'exed.

THOs COLLINS

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