

Go all to whom

these Words shall come, we the undersigned Delegates of the States
afforded to us. Names first preceding. It is set as the Congress of a
United States of America in Congress assembled on the first day
of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and
Seventy seven, and in the second Year of the Independence of America
agree to certain articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the
States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence
Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia
in the Words following, viz. *Article of Confederation and perpetual
Union between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania,
Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.*

Article I. The said confederacy shall be *The United States of America.*

Article II. Each State retains its sovereignty, freedom and
independence, and every Power, Jurisdiction and Right, which is not by
this Confederation expressly delegated to the United States in Congress
assembled.

Article III. The said States hereby severally enter into a firm
League of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security
of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding them-
selves to assist each other, against all force opposed to, or attacks made upon
them, or any of them, on account of Religion, Sovereignty, Trade, or any other
pretence whatsoever.

Article IV. We enter to secure and perpetuate mutual friendship
and intercourse among the people of the different States in this Union, that
free inhabitants of each of these States, paupers, vagabonds and fugitives
from Justice excepted, shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of
free Citizens in the several States; and the people of each State shall have
free ingress and egress to and from any other State, and shall enjoy therein
all the Privileges of Trade and Commerce, subject to the same duties, im-
positions and Restrictions as the inhabitants thereof respectively, provided
that such Restrictions shall not extend so far as to prevent the removal of
property imported into any State, to any other State of which the Owner
is an Inhabitant; provided also that no Impostion, duties or Restrictions
shall be laid by any State on the property of the United States or either of
them.

If any Person guilty of, or charged with treason, felony, or
other high misdemeanor in any State, shall flee from Justice, and be found
in any of the United States, he shall, upon demand of the Executive or
executive power of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, and re-
moved to the State having Jurisdiction of his offence.

Full faith and
credit shall be given in each of these States to the records, acts and judicial
proceedings of the courts and magistrates of every other State.

Article V. For the more convenient management of the general
interests of the United States, delegates shall be annually appointed in such
manner as the Legislature of each State shall direct, to meet in Congress
on the first Monday in November, in every year, with a power reserved
to each State to recall its delegates, or any of them, at any time within the
year, and to send others in their stead for the remainder of the Year.