

Propositions from the Delegates of New Jersey to the Convention



1. Resolved, that the articles of Confederation ought to be revised corrected & enlarged as to render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of Government & the preservation of the Union
2. Resolved that in addition to the powers vested in the United States in Congress by the present existing articles of Confederation they be authorized to pass acts for raising a Revenue, by laying a duty or duties on all Goods & Merchandise of foreign growth or Manufacture imported into any part of the United States - by Stamp on paper, vellum & parchment, and by a postage on all Letters and packages passing through the several Post offices to be applied to such federal purposes as they shall deem proper and expedient - To make rules & regulations for the collection thereof & the same from time to time to alter & amend in such manner as they shall think proper - To pass acts for the regulation of Trade & Commerce as well with foreign Nations as with each other provided that all punishments fines, forfeitures & penalties to be incurred for contravention of such acts, rules & regulations shall be adjudged by the common law Judiciary of the State in which any offence contrary to the true intent & meaning of such acts, rules & regulations shall be committed, or perpetrated with liberty of cognoscence in the first instance at suit or prosecution for that purpose in the superior common law Judiciary in such State - Subject nevertheless to an appeal for the correction of an error both in law & fact in rendering judgment to the Judiciary of the United States. -
3. Resolved that whenever requisitions shall be necessary, instead of the rule for making requisitions mentioned in the articles of Confederation the United States in Congress be authorized to make such requisitions in proportion to the whole number or white & other free laborers & Inhabitants of every age, sex and condition

and their expenditures there be made to some
one for a term of years, & three fifths of the
other persons, all comprehended in the above
or description except Indians and pay
Taxes, that if such requisition be received
at any time, he be required to make
such collection, & report to the Rep. as per
that, & for that purpose to devise & pass a
directive & authorize the same - provided
that any of the persons hereby vested in the
United States or Congress shall be impeached
on the consent of at least three and
that proportion of the number of Congress
shall should hereafter be exercised in dis-
cretion.

4. Resolved that the United States in Congress
authorized to elect a Federal Executive to
serve for a term of years, to continue in office for
the term of years, to receive a pecuniary al-
lowance fixed compensation in the law
by him ordered in which to increase or
diminution shall be made so as to affect the
was covering the Legislature at the time of
increase or diminution, to be paid out of the
Federal Treasury - To be incapable of holding
any other appointment during the term of
service, and for years thereafter - To be
eligible a second time & re-appointable by
major application by a majority of the
Legislature of the several States. - That the Ex-
ecutive besides a general authority to execute
the general acts, ought to be authorized to
appoint, & otherwise provided for, and to direct
all Military operations, provided that none
of the persons covering the Federal Executive
shall on any occasion take command of an
Army or be personally to conduct any Military
operations as General or in other capacity.

5. Resolved that a Federal Judiciary be estab-
lished to consist of a Supreme Tribunal, the Judge
of which to be appointed by the Executive of the
United States during good behavior, to
confer judicially at stated times a fixed compen-
sation, to be made so as to affect the person actually

in office at the time of such increase or diminu-
tion - That the Judiciary so established shall have
authority to hear & determine in the first instance
in all cases of Federal Officers, and by
way of appeal in Federal cases in all cases
touching the rights of the Confederates, - In cases
of capture, & in property - In cases of pe-
cuniary or the high seas; - In cases in which
foreigners may be interested in the construction
of any treaty or treaties, or which may arise
under any of the acts for the regulation of Trade
or the collection of the Federal Revenue - That
none of the Judiciary shall during the term they
remain in office be capable of receiving or hold-
ing any other office or appointment during the
term of service or for years thereafter. -

6. Resolved that all acts of the United States in
Congress assembled made by virtue of a power
of the powers hereby & by the Articles of Confede-
ration vested in them, and all Treaties made or
ratified under the authority of the United States
shall be the supreme Law of the respective States
in so far forth as those acts or Treaties shall relate
to the said States or their Citizens, and that the Ju-
diciary of the several States shall be bound
thereby, in their decisions, in so far as the respective
laws of the said States to the contrary do not
stand; and that if any State, or any body of Men
in any State shall oppose or prevent the carrying
into execution such acts or Treaties, the Federal
Executive shall be authorized to call forth the force
of the Confederate States or so much thereof as
may be necessary to execute & compel obedience
to such acts, or to the execution of such Treaties.
7. Resolved that provision be made for the admission
of new States into the Union.
8. Resolved that the Rule for Naturalization ought
to be the same in every State.
9. Resolved that a citizen of one State committing
an offence against the laws of the Union, shall be
deemed guilty of the same offence as if it had been
committed by a citizen of the State in which the offence
was committed. -

1. First: Resolved, that the Articles of Confederation ought to be so revised, corrected, and enlarged
2. as to render the federal Constitution adequate to the exigencies of Government, and the
3. preservation of the Union.

4. Second: Resolved, that in addition to the Powers vested in the United States in Congress by the
5. present existing Articles of Confederation, they be authorized to pass Acts for raising a Revenue
6. by levying a duty or duties on all goods or merchandise of foreign growth or manufacture,
7. imported into any part of the United States,—by Stamps on Paper vellum or parchment,—and by
8. a postage on all letters or packages passing through the general Post Office, to be applied to such
9. federal purposes as they shall deem proper and expedient; to make rules and regulations for the
10. collection thereof, and the same from time to time, to alter and amend in such manner as they
11. shall think proper: to pass Acts for the regulation of trade and commerce, as well with foreign
12. Nations, as with each other; provided that all punishments, fines, forfeitures and penalties to be
13. incurred for contravening such acts, rules, and regulations shall be adjudged by the common Law
14. Judiciarys of the State in which any offence contrary to the true intent and mean-ing of such acts
15. and regulations shall have been committed or perpetrated; with liberty of commencing in the first
16. instance all suits and prosecutions for that purpose in the superior Common Law Judiciary of
17. such State, subject nevertheless, for the correction of all errors, both in law and fact, in rendering
18. judgment, to an appeal to the Judiciary of the United States.

19. Third: Resolved, that whenever requisitions shall be necessary, instead of the rule for making
20. requisition mentioned in the Articles of Confederation, the United States in Congress be
21. authorized to make such requisitions in proportion to the whole number of white and other free
22. citizens and Inhabitants of every age, sex and condition, including those bound to servitude for a
23. term of years, and three fifths of all other persons not comprehended in the foregoing
24. description—(except Indians not paying Taxes); that if such requisitions be not complied with, in
25. the time to be specified therein, to direct the collection thereof in the non-complying States and
26. for that purpose to devise and pass Acts directing and authorizing the same; provided that none of
27. the powers hereby vested in the United States in congress shall be exercised without the consent
28. of at least ____ States, and in that proportion, if the number of confederated States should be
29. hereafter increased or diminished.

30. Fourth: Resolved, that the United States in Congress be authorized to elect a federal Executive to
31. consist of __ persons, to continue in office for the Term of __ years; to receive punctually at
32. stated times a fixed compensation for their services in which no increase or diminution shall be
33. made so as to affect the persons composing the Executive at the time of such increase or
34. diminution; to be paid out of the Federal Treasury; to be incapable of holding any other office or
35. appointment during their time of service, and for ____ years thereafter; to be ineligible a second
36. time, and removable by Congress on application by a majority of the Executives of the several
37. States; that the Executive, besides their general authority to execute the federal Acts, ought to
38. appoint all federal officers not other wise provided for, and to direct all military operations;
39. provided that none of the persons composing the federal Executive shall on any occasion take

40. command of any troops so as personally to conduct any enterprise as General or in any other
41. capacity.

42. Fifth: Resolved, that a federal Judiciary be established, to consist of a supreme Tribunal, the
43. Judges of which to be appointed by the Executive, and to hold their Offices during good behavior,
44. to receive punctually at stated times a fixed compensation for their services, in which no increase
45. or diminution shall be made so as to affect the persons actually in office at the time of such
46. increase or diminution. That the Judiciary so established shall have authority to hear and
47. determine in the first instance on all impeachments of federal officers, and by way of appeal in
48. the dernier resort in all cases touching the rights of Ambassadors, in all cases of captures from an
49. enemy, in all cases of piracies and felonies on the high Seas, in all cases in which foreigners may
50. be interested in the construction of any treaty or treaties, or which may arise on any of the Acts
51. for regulation of trade, or the collection of the federal Revenue: that none of the Judiciary shall
52. during the time they remain in Office be capable of receiving or holding any other Office or
53. appointment during their time of service, or for ____ thereafter.

54. Sixth: Resolved, that all Acts of the United States in Congress made by virtue and in pursuance of
55. the powers hereby vested in them, and all Treaties made and ratified under the authority of the
56. United States, shall be the supreme law of the respective States, as far as those Acts or Treaties
57. shall relate to the said States or their Citizens, and that the Judiciary of the several States shall be
58. bound thereby in their decisions, anything in the respective laws of the Individual States to the
59. contrary notwithstanding; and that if any State, or any body of men in any State, shall oppose or
60. prevent the carrying into execution such acts or treaties, the federal Executive shall be authorized
61. to call forth the power of the Confederated States, or so much thereof as may be necessary to
62. enforce and compel an obedience to such Acts, or an Observance of such Treaties.

63. Seventh: Resolved, that provision be made for the admission of new States into the Union.

64. Eighth: Resolved, that the Rule for naturalization ought to be the same in every State.

65. Ninth: Resolved, that a Citizen of one State committing an offence in another State of the Union,
66. shall be deemed guilty of the same offence, as if it had been committed by a Citizen of the State
67. in which the Offence was committed.