

Pennsylvania Act of Ratification, 5 March 1778

The REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the Common-Wealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met,

To the Honourable Benjamin Franklin, Doctor of Laws, Robert Morris, Esquire, Daniel Roberdeau, Esquire, Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, James Smith, Esquire, of York Town, William Clingan, Esquire, and Joseph Reed, Esquire, Delegates for the said Common-Wealth in the Congress of the United States of America, send Greeting.

KNOW YE, That We the said Representatives, having taken into our most serious and weighty consideration and deliberation, the Articles of Confederation 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, lately transmitted to us by the Honourable HENRY LAURENS, Esquire, President of the said Congress, Do, by this present instrument, signed by our Speaker and sealed with the seal of the Laws of this Common-Wealth, accede to, ratify, confirm, and agree to the said Articles; which said articles are as follows, to wit.

[Text of Articles of Confederation]

And We the said Representatives do hereby authorise, empower, require and enjoin You the said *Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, Daniel Roberdeau, Jonathan B. Smith, James Smith, William Clingan, and Joseph Reed*, or any [two] of you, in the name of the said Common-Wealth of Pennsylvania to accede to, ratify, confirm and agree to the said Articles of Confederation. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of the Laws of Pennsylvania to be hereunto affixed in General Assembly at Lancaster, the [5th] day of [March], in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

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