Virginia House of Delegates Resolutions on a Second Convention, 30 October 1788

Whereas the Convention of Delegates of the people of this Commonwealth, did ratify a Constitution or Form of Government for the United States, referred to them for their consideration, and did also declare, that sundry amendments to exceptionable parts of the same ought to be adopted; *And whereas* the subject matter of the amendments agreed to by the said Convention, involves all the great essential and unalienable rights, liberties, and privileges of freemen; many of which if not cancelled are rendered insecure under the said Constitution, until the same shall be altered and amended.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That for quieting the minds of the good citizens of this Commonwealth, and securing their dearest rights and liberties, and preventing those disorders, which must arise under a government not founded in the confidence of the people, application be made to the Congress of the United States, so soon as they shall assemble under the said Constitution, to call a Convention for proposing amendments to the same, according to the mode therein directed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That a committee ought to be appointed to draw up and report to this House a proper instrument of writing, expressing the sense of the General Assembly, and pointing out the reasons which induce them to urge their application thus early for the calling the aforesaid Convention of the States.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, That the said committee ought to be instructed to prepare the draft of a letter in answer to one received from his Excellency GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire, President of the Convention of *New-York*, and a circular letter on the aforesaid subject, to the other States in the Union, expressive of the wish of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, that they may join in an application to the NEW CONGRESS, to appoint a Convention of the States so soon as the Congress shall assemble under the New Constitution.

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