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Eight States Sign the Articles of Confederation, 9 July 1778

The ratification of the Articles of Confederation, engrossed on a roll of parchment being laid before Congress, was examined and the blanks in the third line from the bottom being filled up at the table with the words “ninth” and “July,” and the blank in the last line with the word “third,” the same was signed on the part and in behalf of their respective states by the delegates of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and South Carolina agreeably to the powers vested in them.

The delegates of the states of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland informed Congress that they have not yet received powers to ratify and sign.

North Carolina, whose legislature has ratified the Articles of Confederation, and the State of Georgia were not at this time represented in Congress.

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