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Instructions to the Convention Delegates

Georgia, 10 February 1787

Act Electing and Empowering Delegates, 10 February 1787

AN ORDINANCE For the Appointment of Deputies from this State for the Purpose of revising the Federal Constitution.

Be it ordained by the Representatives of the Freemen of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That William Few, Abraham Baldwin, William Pierce, George Walton, William Houstoun, and Nathaniel Pendleton, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners,¹ who, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorised as deputies from this state to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorized by other states, to assemble in convention at Philadelphia, and to join with them in devising and discussing all such alterations and farther provisions, as may be necessary to render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union, and in reporting such an Act for that purpose to the United States in Congress assembled, as when agreed to by them, and duly confirmed by the several states, will effectually provide for the same. In case of the death of any of the said deputies, or of their declining their appointments, the Executive are hereby authorised to supply such vacancies.

By Order of the House,
WILLIAM GIBBONS, *Speaker.*

Augusta, February 10, 1787.

1. Walton and Pendleton did not attend.

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