

ARTICLES IN ADDITION TO, AND AMENDMENT OF,  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, PROPOSED BY CONGRESS, AND RATI-  
FIED BY THE SEVERAL STATES PURSUANT TO  
THE FIFTH ARTICLE OF THE ORIGINAL CONSTITU-  
TION<sup>1</sup>

### AMENDMENT I.

§ 208. Freedom of religion, of speech, and of peaceable assembly. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

### AMENDMENT II.

§ 209. The right to bear arms. A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

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<sup>1</sup>The first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States were proposed to the legislatures of the several States by the First Congress on September 25, 1789 (this date and the date succeeding amendments were proposed is the date of final congressional action—signature by the presiding officer of the Senate—as is shown in the Senate Journals). They were ratified by the following States, on the dates shown, and the notifications by the governors thereof of ratification were communicated by the President to Congress: New Jersey, November 20, 1789; Maryland, December 19, 1789; North Carolina, December 22, 1789; South Carolina, January 19, 1790; New Hampshire, January 25, 1790; Delaware, January 28, 1790; New York, February 27, 1790; Pennsylvania, March 10, 1790; Rhode Island, June 7, 1790; Vermont, November 3, 1791; Virginia, December 15, 1791. Ratification was completed on December 15, 1791. The amendments were subsequently ratified by Massachusetts, March 2, 1939; Georgia, March 18, 1939; Connecticut, April 19, 1939.

### AMENDMENT III.

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered  
§ 210. Quartering of in any house, without the consent  
soldiers in houses. of the Owner, nor in time of war,  
but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

### AMENDMENT IV.

The right of the people to be secure in their  
§ 211. Security from persons, houses, papers, and effects,  
unreasonable searches against unreasonable searches and  
and seizures. seizures, shall not be violated, and  
no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable  
cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and  
particularly describing the place to be searched,  
and the persons or things to be seized.

### AMENDMENT V.

No person shall be held to answer for a cap-  
§ 212. Security as to ital, or otherwise infamous crime,  
accusations, trials, unless on a presentment or indict-  
and property. ment of a Grand Jury, except in  
cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in  
the Militia, when in actual service in time of  
War or public danger; nor shall any person be  
subject for the same offence to be twice put in  
jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled  
in any Criminal Case to be a witness against  
himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or prop-  
erty, without due process of law; nor shall pri-  
vate property be taken for public use, without  
just compensation.