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William Grayson's Calculations and Proposed Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, June 1788

91—Voters
2
4|1 or 2—Votes
45+2
2—Votes for the president—
New Hampshire—2
R—I—1
C—3
N—J—3
D—1
Ge—2
Ca—3

15
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91
65

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17

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We the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia do adopt and receive the forgoing Constitution and every part and article thereof subject nevertheless* to the following provisions, which we do for ourselves and our posterity declare to be indispensably necessary to be observed in order to the preservation of the Liberties of the good people of the United States of America, and that the same shall, and of right ought forever to constitute a part thereof.

1. The Bill of rights, Constitutions and Municipal laws of the several states in this Union, in all Cases not expressly comprehended by this Constitution shall be sacred and inviolate.

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Art: 2: sect:1. The president for the time being, or in case of a Vacancy, the last preceding president shall not be re-elected, unless by a Majority of the votes of the state-electors: nor shall any person hold or exercise the office of president more than eight years, in any term of sixteen years, but by the unanimous vote of two thirds of the state-electors.

Electors shall not be chosen more than twenty days before the day on which they shall give their votes.

The several states shall not be restrained from providing arms for their own militia.

*Grayson used the long or leading *s*, a character that looks similar to the letter "f" but is used as an "s," often as the first of a double s as in assign or address.

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