

Virginia Resolutions of Ratification, 16 December 1777

Resolved, *nemine contra dicente*, That a speedy ratification of the Articles of Confederation between the United States of America will confound the devices of their foreign and frustrate the machinations of their domestic enemies, encourage their firm friends and fix the wavering, contribute much to the support of their public credit and the restoration of the value of their paper money, produce unanimity in their councils at home, and add weight to their negotiations abroad, and completing the independence of their country establish the best foundation for its prosperity.

Resolved, *nemine contra dicente*, That the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union proposed by Congress the 17th of November last, between the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, and referred for approbation to the consideration of the several legislatures of the said states, ought to be approved and ratified on the part of this commonwealth; and that our delegates in Congress be accordingly authorized and instructed to ratify the same, in the name and on the behalf of this common-wealth; and that they attend for that purpose on or before the 10th day of March next.

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