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# A R T I C L E S

## CONFEDERATION AND PERPETUAL UNION,

BETWEEN THE STATES OF

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| NEW-HAMPSHIRE,     | THE COUNTIES OF NEW-CASTLE   |
| MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, | KENT AND SUSSEX ON DELAWARE, |
| RHODE-ISLAND,      | MARYLAND,                    |
| CONNECTICUT,       | VIRGINIA,                    |
| NEW-YORK,          | NORTH-CAROLINA,              |
| NEW-JERSEY,        | SOUTH-CAROLINA, AND          |
| PENNSYLVANIA,      | GEORGIA.                     |

ART. I. **T**HE name of this Confederacy shall be "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

ART. II. The said States hereby severally enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding themselves to assist each other against all force offered to or attacks made upon them or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretence whatever.

ART. III. Each State reserves to itself the sole and exclusive regulation and government of its internal police in all matters that shall not interfere with the articles of this Confederation.

ART. IV. No State, without the consent of the United States in Congress Assembled, shall send any Embassy to or receive any embassy from, or enter into any conference, agreement, alliance or treaty with any King, Prince or State; nor shall any person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States or any them, accept of any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any King, Prince or foreign State; nor shall the United States Assembled, or any of them, grant any title of nobility.

ART. V. No two or more States shall enter into any treaty, confederation or alliance whatever between them without the consent of the United States in Congress Assembled, specifying accurately the purposes for which the same is to be entered into, and how long it shall continue.

ART. VI. No State shall lay any imposts or duties which may interfere with any stipulations in treaties hereafter entered into by the United States Assembled with any King, Prince or State.