DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS.

PEACE CONTENTION. HELD IN BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 1840.

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I
Section 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and proceedings of the other House, and of any member thereof, and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

ARTICLE II
Section 1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America.

Section 2. The President shall be commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several States, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for violations of the laws except in cases of impeachment.

ARTICLE III
Section 1. The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish.

ARTICLE IV
Section 1. Full faith and credit shall be given in each State to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other State.

ARTICLE V
Section 1. The Congress shall have power to frame, ordain, and establish a uniform national currency, and to regulate the value thereof.

ARTICLE VI
Section 1. This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the courts of the United States shall be bound thereby, any thing in the constitutions of States to the contrary notwithstanding.

ARTICLE VII
Section 1. The ratification of the conventions of nine States shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution among the people of the United States.

ARTICLE VIII
Section 1. The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on importation, export, and all duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

ARTICLE IX
Section 1. The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight, but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each person.

ARTICLE X
Section 1. The Constitution, being in express terms made supposable to the people of the United States, shall be so made effective by them, that no repair or revision of it shall be forever after possible, without a consent of the whole number of them.

ARTICLE XI
Section 1. The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the Legislature of any State against domestic violence.

ARTICLE XII
Section 1. The Senators shall be chosen every second year by the people of the several States, and the Congress shall assemble at least once in every year.

ARTICLE XIII
Section 1. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, adopted by the legislatures of the several States on December 15, 1919, and ratified by the States on January 16, 1951, is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XIV
Section 1. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this Article.

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