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*Methodism in the State of Pennsylvania, as represented in state convention: held in Philadelphia, October ,*

Recently, there have been discussions about the current Pennsylvania Constitution, with some contemplating a need for changes. IssuesPA has taken a look at the issue of a state constitutional convention and just what it might mean in the 21st century. Two schools of thought: On one hand, there are groups calling for a convention in order to focus on single and related issues. Examples of such issues include tort reform, abortion, taxation, gay rights, or government reform. Sometimes, a single event, such as the legislative and judicial pay raise of , can spark interest in a specific constitutional reform. Hence, the size of the legislature, legislative pay, and operational procedures, all of which require constitutional amendment, may be targets of action. Many of the current provisions were put into the Constitution in , and some were enacted even before then. Constitutional conventions in Pennsylvania have been rare occurrences. The last total revision of the document occurred in . However, between and , the electorate rejected calls for a convention on five different occasions. However, there was no shortage of single amendments introduced in the legislature during that period. During those 85 years between conventions, there were 86 proposed amendments, of which 59 were approved. In the late s and early s, there was renewed interest in a constitutional convention, although establishing the convention was no easy task: The first step was the creation of a Commission that recommended specific changes to the Constitution. The Preparatory Committee, consisting of the leadership of the General Assembly and chaired by the Lieutenant Governor as an ex-officio member, started its work within a week of the approval by the voters. The Committee drafted procedures for the convention, provided manuals for the delegates, and generally paved the way for constitutional revision. Although voters rejected a call for a convention in , the Pennsylvania Bar Association initiated its own study recommending 12 proposals for constitutional revision through the legislative referendum process. Governor Scranton appointed a commission that recommended 13 amendments for the State Constitution. Two of 13 amendments were approved by voters in “ and another seven in . Finally, a convention was approved as the best way to accomplish additional reform. The General Assembly passed and Governor Shafer signed Act 2, which put the convention proposal on the ballot and set out the process and structure for a convention. The proposal passed by more than , votes. Act 2 outlined the membership and election of delegates, provided for a Preparatory Committee, the organization of the convention, the manners for submitting proposals to the electorate, and last but not least, the set out the powers, limitations and duties of the convention. The limitations focused the convention on legislative apportionment, the judicial administration, organization, selection and tenure, local government, and taxation and state finance, except that the consideration of a graduated income tax or any change in the uniformity clause or the section relating to the Motor License Fund was specifically and emphatically prohibited. The convention convened on December 1, and adjourned sine die on February 29, . The voters approved all five convention proposals by substantial margins at the primary election on April 23, . Implications for Future Constitutional Convention Initiatives History has shown that passing an amendment to the Constitution is an arduous process “ surely the intent of the framers. Getting approval to rewrite the bulk of the document is an even more intimidating prospect, as proven by history. The experience of the amendments and limited convention has important implications for contemplating actions going forward, particularly in the context of the current disparate calls for change. The most important include: A convention is unlikely to be convened without policy-makers “ specifically the Governor and legislative leadership “ having a firm understanding and general agreement on what is expected in the final reframing. Policy-makers likely will have a specific list of problems to be addressed and probably a general understanding of the likely solutions. For example, if the Uniformity Clause, which governs taxation, were targeted for change, some form of authorization for a progressive income tax would be expected. This requires significant up front research, discussion, and recommendation-making, possibly using a study commission approach before the

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referendum for a convention is placed on the ballot. Voters are unlikely to approve a convention without a major education and marketing campaign preceding the referendum. The changes enacted in percolated for at least a decade, and the convention itself may not have come to fruition had it not been for the non-profit organization created by Governor Scranton to promote the concept prior to the referendum. Coalition building is an important pre-convention activity. The number of organizations seeking the status quo is significant enough to derail the process using a divide and conquer strategy. This means convincing many of the single-issue advocates to agree to some things that may make them uncomfortable. In summary, even if contemporary thinking welcomes a constitutional convention in Pennsylvania, there may be years of preliminary study and preparation necessary for a successful outcome.

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National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution Clymer was orphaned in , only a year after his birth in Philadelphia. A wealthy uncle reared and informally educated him and advanced him from clerk to full-fledged partner in his mercantile firm, which on his death he bequeathed to his ward. Motivated at least partly by the impact of British economic restrictions on his business, Clymer early adopted the Revolutionary cause and was one of the first to recommend independence. He attended patriotic meetings, served on the Pennsylvania council of safety, and in headed a committee that forced the resignation of Philadelphia tea consignees appointed by Britain under the Tea Act. Inevitably, in light of his economic background, he channeled his energies into financial matters. In he acted as one of the first two Continental treasurers, even personally underwriting the war by exchanging all his own specie for Continental currency. In the Continental Congress and the quiet and unassuming Clymer rarely spoke in debate but made his mark in committee efforts, especially those pertaining to commerce, finance, and military affairs. During the War for Independence, he also served on a series of commissions that conducted important field investigations. In December , when Congress fled from Philadelphia to Baltimore, he and George Walton and Robert Morris remained behind to carry on congressional business. Within a year, after their victory at the Battle of Brandywine, Pa. His wife and children hid nearby in the woods. After a brief retirement following his last term in the Continental Congress, Clymer was reelected for the years to the Pennsylvania legislature, where he had also served part time in while still in Congress. As a state legislator, he advocated a bicameral legislature and reform of the penal code and opposed capital punishment. At the Constitutional Convention, where he rarely missed a meeting, he spoke seldom but effectively and played a modest role in shaping the final document. House of Representatives in the First Congress , followed by appointment as collector of excise taxes on alcoholic beverages in Pennsylvania In he sat on a Presidential commission that negotiated a treaty with the Cherokee and Creek Indians in Georgia. During his retirement, Clymer advanced various community projects, including the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and served as the first president of the Philadelphia Bank. At the age of 73, in , he died at Summerseat, an estate a few miles outside Philadelphia at Morrisville that he had purchased and moved to in Coming to America about , he pursued a mercantile career in Philadelphia. The next year, he married Catherine Meade, the daughter of a prominent local merchant, Robert Meade, and not long afterward went into business with one of his brothers-in-law. The firm of George Meade and Company soon became one of the leading commercial houses in the city and specialized in the West India trade. When the Revolution erupted, Fitzsimons enthusiastically endorsed the Whig position. During the war, he commanded a company of militia He also sat on the Philadelphia committee of correspondence, council of safety, and navy board. In Fitzsimons entered politics as a delegate to the Continental Congress. In the latter year, he became a member of the Pennsylvania council of censors and served as a legislator His attendance at the Constitutional Convention was regular, but he did not make any outstanding contributions to the proceedings. He was, however, a strong nationalist. After the convention, Fitzsimons continued to demonstrate his nationalistic proclivities as a three-term U. He allied himself closely with the program of Hamilton and the emerging Federalist Party. Once again demonstrating his commercial orientation, he advocated a protective tariff and retirement of the national debt. Fitzsimons spent most of the remainder of his life in private business, though he retained an interest in public affairs. His views remained essentially Federalist. During the maritime difficulties in the late s, he urged retaliation against British and French interference with American shipping. In , again clashing with the Jeffersonians, he championed the recharter of the First United States Bank. In he had been one of the founders of the Bank of North America. He also helped organize and held a directorship in the Insurance Company of

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North America and several times acted as president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. His financial affairs, like those somewhat earlier of his associate and fellow-signer Robert Morris, took a disastrous turn in He later regained some of his affluence, but his reputation suffered. Despite these troubles, Fitzsimons never ceased his philanthropy. He also strived to improve public education in the commonwealth and served as trustee of the University of Pennsylvania. Fitzsimons died at Philadelphia in after seven decades of life. His tomb is there in the graveyard at St. Benjamin Franklin Pennsylvania Image: He was the tenth son of a soap and candlemaker. He received some formal education but was principally self-taught. After serving an apprenticeship to his father between the ages of 10 and 12, he went to work for his half-brother James, a printer. In the latter founded the New England Courant, the fourth newspaper in the colonies. Benjamin secretly contributed 14 essays to it, his first published writings. In , because of dissension with his half-brother, Franklin moved to Philadelphia, where he obtained employment as a printer. He spent only a year there and then sailed to London for 2 more years. Back in Philadelphia, he rose rapidly in the printing industry. It won a popularity in the colonies second only to the Bible, and its fame eventually spread to Europe. Meantime, in Franklin had taken a common-law wife, Deborah Read, who was to bear him a son and daughter, and he also apparently had children with another nameless woman out of wedlock. By he had achieved financial independence and gained recognition for his philanthropy and the stimulus he provided to such civic causes as libraries, educational institutions, and hospitals. Energetic and tireless, he also found time to pursue his interest in science, as well as to enter politics. Franklin served as clerk and member of the colonial legislature and as deputy postmaster of Philadelphia and deputy postmaster general of the colonies In addition, he represented Pennsylvania at the Albany Congress , called to unite the colonies during the French and Indian War. The congress adopted his "Plan of Union," but the colonial assemblies rejected it because it encroached on their powers. During the years and , Franklin resided in England, originally in the capacity of agent for Pennsylvania and later for Georgia, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. During the latter period, which coincided with the growth of colonial unrest, he underwent a political metamorphosis. Until then a contented Englishman in outlook, primarily concerned with Pennsylvania provincial politics, he distrusted popular movements and saw little purpose to be served in carrying principle to extremes. Until the issue of parliamentary taxation undermined the old alliances, he led the Quaker party attack on the Anglican proprietary party and its Presbyterian frontier allies. His purpose throughout the years at London in fact had been displacement of the Penn family administration by royal authority-the conversion of the province from a proprietary to a royal colony. Although as agent for Pennsylvania he opposed by every conceivable means the enactment of the bill in , he did not at first realize the depth of colonial hostility. He regarded passage as unavoidable and preferred to submit to it while actually working for its repeal. Their energetic exploitation of them endangered his reputation at home until reliable information was published demonstrating his unabated opposition to the act. For a time, mob resentment threatened his family and new home in Philadelphia until his tradesmen supporters rallied. Franklin returned to Philadelphia in May and immediately became a distinguished member of the Continental Congress. Thirteen months later, he served on the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence. He subsequently contributed to the government in other important ways, including service as postmaster general, and took over the duties of president of the Pennsylvania constitutional convention. But, within less than a year and a half after his return, the aged statesman set sail once again for Europe, beginning a career as diplomat that would occupy him for most of the rest of his life. In the years , as one of three commissioners, he directed the negotiations that led to treaties of commerce and alliance with France, where the people adulated him, but he and the other commissioners squabbled constantly. At the Constitutional Convention, though he did not approve of many aspects of the finished document and was hampered by his age and ill-health, he missed few if any sessions, lent his prestige, soothed passions, and compromised disputes. In his twilight years, working on his Autobiography, Franklin could look back on a fruitful life as the toast of two continents. Energetic nearly to the last, in he was elected as first president of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery-a cause to which he had

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committed himself as early as the s. His final public act was signing a memorial to Congress recommending dissolution of the slavery system. Shortly thereafter, in at the age of 84, Franklin passed away in Philadelphia and was laid to rest in Christ Church Burial Ground. He received an excellent education and graduated from Yale in . He then oversaw the financial affairs of his father, who had relocated from New Haven to Philadelphia. Later, the youth joined him, took up the study of law, and won admittance to the Pennsylvania bar. In the midst of the Revolutionary fervor, which neither father nor son shared, in , on the advice of the elder Ingersoll, Jared, Jr. Completing his work in , he made a 2-year tour of the Continent, during which time for some reason he shed his Loyalist sympathies. In Ingersoll married Elizabeth Pettit Petit. The year before, he had entered politics by winning election to the Continental Congress . Although Ingersoll missed no sessions at the Constitutional Convention, had long favored revision of the Articles of Confederation, and as a lawyer was used to debate, he seldom spoke during the proceedings. Subsequently, Ingersoll held a variety of public positions: District Attorney for Pennsylvania ; and presiding judge of the Philadelphia District Court . Meantime, in , he had been the Federalist Vice-Presidential candidate, but failed to win election. While pursuing his public activities, Ingersoll attained distinction in his legal practice. In Ingersoll began to practice before the U. Supreme Court and took part in some memorable cases. Although in both *Chisholm v. Georgia* and *Hylton v. United States* he represented the losing side, his arguments helped to clarify difficult constitutional issues. He also represented fellow-signer William Blount, a senator, when he was threatened with impeachment in the late s. Thomas Mifflin Pennsylvania Image: Independence National Historical Park A member of the fourth generation of a Pennsylvania Quaker family who had emigrated from England, Mifflin was born at Philadelphia in , the son of a rich merchant and local politician. He studied at a Quaker school and then at the College of Philadelphia later part of the University of Pennsylvania , from which he won a diploma at the age of 16 and whose interests he advanced for the rest of his life.

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Both the Dutch and the English claimed both sides of the Delaware River as part of their colonial lands in America. New Sweden claimed and, for the most part, controlled the lower Delaware River region parts of present-day Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania but settled few colonists there. The land was not yet in British possession, but the sale boxed in the portion of New Netherland on the West side of the Delaware River. John Dickinson The Peace of Breda between England, France and the Netherlands confirmed the English conquest on July 21, 1694, [36] [37] although there were temporary reversions. The one that later transferred to Pennsylvania was Upland. The British retained the Dutch Counties with their Dutch names. This was one of the largest land grants to an individual in history. Penn, the son, who wanted it to be called New Wales, and then Sylvania from the Latin silva: The treaty of William Penn was never violated. The paper money was called Colonial Scrip. The Colony issued "bills of credit", which were as good as gold or silver coins because of their legal tender status. Since they were issued by the government and not a banking institution, it was an interest-free proposition, largely defraying the expense of the government and therefore taxation of the people. It also promoted general employment and prosperity, since the Government used discretion and did not issue too much to inflate the currency. Benjamin Franklin had a hand in creating this currency, of which he said its utility was never to be disputed, and it also met with the "cautious approval" of Adam Smith. It later served as the presidential mansion of George Washington and John Adams, while Philadelphia was the temporary national capital. The Congress was the first meeting of the Thirteen Colonies, called at the request of the Massachusetts Assembly, but only nine colonies sent delegates. There they and its primary author, John Dickinson, drew up the Articles of Confederation that formed 13 independent colonies into a new nation. Later, the Constitution was written, and Philadelphia was once again chosen to be cradle to the new American Nation. Constitution on December 12, 1787, [59] five days after Delaware became the first. At the time it was the most ethnically and religiously diverse of the Thirteen Colonies. Established in 1785, the college was ratified five days after the Treaty of Paris on September 9, 1783. The school was founded by Benjamin Rush and named after John Dickinson. The "Hills Capitol", used from until it burned down in 1844. So, in the General Assembly moved to the Lancaster Courthouse, [61] and finally in to Harrisburg. Following an architectural selection contest that many alleged had been "rigged", Chicago architect Henry Ives Cobb was charged with designing and building a replacement building; however, the legislature had little money to allocate to the project, and a roughly finished, somewhat industrial building the Cobb Capitol was completed. The General Assembly refused to occupy the building. In 1897, The New York Times praised it as "grand, even awesome at moments, but it is also a working building, accessible to citizens Pennsylvania was also the home of the first commercially drilled oil well. In 1859, near Titusville, Pennsylvania, Edwin Drake successfully drilled the well, which led to the first major oil boom in United States history.

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## 4: Constitutional Convention (United States) - Wikipedia

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Historical context[ edit ] Before the Constitution was drafted, the nearly 4 million inhabitants [4] of the 13 newly independent states were governed under the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union , created by the Second Continental Congress , first proposed in , adopted by the Second Continental Congress in and only finally unanimously ratified by the Original Thirteen States by It soon became evident to nearly all that the chronically underfunded Confederation government, as originally organized, was inadequate for managing the various conflicts that arose among the states. James Madison suggested that state governments should appoint commissioners "to take into consideration the trade of the United States; to examine the relative situation and trade of said states; to consider how far a uniform system in their commercial regulations may be necessary to their common interests and permanent harmony". A political conflict between Boston merchants and rural farmers over issues including tax debts had broken out into an open rebellion. This rebellion was led by a former Revolutionary War captain, Daniel Shays , a small farmer with tax debts, who had never received payment for his service in the Continental Army. The rebellion took months for Massachusetts to put down completely, and some desired a federal army that would be able to put down such insurrections. In September , at the Annapolis Convention , delegates from five states called for a Constitutional Convention in order to discuss possible improvements to the Articles of Confederation. Rhode Island, fearing that the Convention would work to its disadvantage, boycotted the Convention and, when the Constitution was put to the states during the next year of controversial debates, initially refused to ratify it, waiting until May to become the thirteenth, a year after the new federal government commenced. New Hampshire delegates would not join the Convention until more than halfway through the proceedings, on July While waiting for the other delegates, the Virginia delegation produced the Virginia Plan , which was designed and written by James Madison. On May 25, the delegations convened in the Pennsylvania State House. George Washington was unanimously elected president of the Convention, [13] and it was agreed that the discussions and votes would be kept secret until the conclusion of the meeting. Most commonly, they referred to the history of England , in particular the Glorious Revolution often simply called "The Revolution" , classical history mainly the Roman Republic and the leagues of Greek city-states , and recent precedents from Holland and Germany. Outside the Convention in Philadelphia, there was a national convening of the Society of the Cincinnati. Washington was said to be embarrassed. The "old republican" delegates like Elbridge Gerry MA found anything military or hereditary anathema. The Presbyterian Synod of Philadelphia and New York convention was meeting to redefine its Confession, dropping the faith requirement for civil authority to prohibit false worship. Merchants of Providence, Rhode Island, petitioned for consideration, though their Assembly had not sent a delegation. He carried grants of five million acres to parcel out among The Ohio Company and "speculators", including some who were attending the Convention. Most importantly, they agreed that the Convention should go beyond its mandate merely to amend the Articles of Confederation , and instead should produce a new constitution outright. While some delegates thought this illegal, the Articles of Confederation were closer to a treaty between sovereign states than they were to a national constitution, so the genuine legal problems were limited. Once this was done, they began modifying it. During the deliberations, few raised serious objections to the planned bicameral congress, nor the separate executive function , nor the separate judicial function. The main exceptions to this were the dysfunctional Confederation Congress and the unicameral Pennsylvania legislature , which was seen as quickly vacillating between partisan extremes after each election. Since America had no native hereditary aristocracy , the character of this upper house was designed to protect the interests of this wealthy elite, the "minority of the opulent," against the interests of the lower classes, who constituted the

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majority of the population. An agrarian law would soon take place. If these observations be just, our government ought to secure the permanent interests of the country against innovation. Landholders ought to have a share in the government, to support these invaluable interests, and to balance and check the other. They ought to be so constituted as to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority. The Senate, therefore, ought to be this body; and to answer these purposes, they ought to have permanency and stability. Convention delegate Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts observed that "the great mercantile interest and of stockholders, is not provided for in any mode of election-they will however be better represented if the State legislatures choose the second branch. The delegates also agreed with Madison that the executive function had to be independent of the legislature. In their aversion to kingly power, American legislatures had created state governments where the executive was beholden to the legislature, and by the late s this was widely seen as being a source of paralysis. Furthermore, in the English tradition, judges were seen as being agents of the King and his court, who represented him throughout his realm. At the Convention, some sided with Madison that the legislature should choose judges, while others believed the president should choose judges. A compromise was eventually reached that the president should choose judges and the Senate confirm them. Few agreed with Madison that the legislature should be able to invalidate state laws, so the idea was dropped. While most thought there should be some mechanism to invalidate bad laws by congress, few agreed with Madison that a board of the executive and judges should decide on this. Instead, the power was given solely to the executive in the form of the veto. Many also thought this would be useful to protect the executive, whom many worried might become beholden to an imperial legislature. The first are the rich and well born, the other the mass of the people. The voice of the people has been said to be the voice of God; and however generally this maxim has been quoted and believed, it is not true in fact. The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government. They will check the unsteadiness of the second, and as they cannot receive any advantage by a change, they therefore will ever maintain good government. Can a democratic assembly, who annually revolve in the mass of the people, be supposed steadily to pursue the public good? Nothing but a permanent body can check the imprudence of democracy. Their turbulent and uncontroled disposition requires checks. A minority wanted it to be apportioned so that all states would have equal weight, though this was never seriously considered. Most wanted it apportioned in accordance with some mixture of property and population. Most accepted the desire among the slave states to count slaves as part of the population, although their servile status was raised as a major objection against this. The Three-Fifths Compromise assessing population by adding the number of free persons to three-fifths of "all other persons" slaves was agreed to without serious dispute. That the lower house was to be elected directly by the voters was also accepted without major dispute. Few agreed with Madison that its members should be elected by the lower house. James Wilson suggested election by popular vote versus election by state legislature, but his proposal was shot down 10â€”1 by the delegates. Local papers even said little about the meeting of the Convention. Front side of the Virginia Plan Besides the problems of direct election, the new Constitution was seen as such a radical break with the old system, by which delegates were elected to the Confederation Congress by state legislatures, that the Convention agreed to retain this method of electing senators to make the constitutional change less radical. The large states, fearing a diminution of their influence in the legislature under this plan, opposed this proposal. Unable to reach agreement, the delegates decided to leave this issue for further consideration later during the meeting. Many wished to limit the power of the executive and thus supported the proposal to divide the executive power between three persons. Another issue concerned the election of the president. Few agreed with Madison that the executive should be elected by the legislature. There was widespread concern with direct election, because information diffused so slowly in the late 18th century, and because of concerns that people would only vote for candidates from their state or region. A vocal minority wanted the national executive to be chosen by the governors of the states. At the time, before the formation of modern political parties , there was widespread concern that candidates would routinely fail to secure a majority of electors in the electoral college. The

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method of resolving this problem therefore was a contested issue. Most thought that the house should then choose the president, since it most closely reflected the will of the people. This caused dissension among delegates from smaller states, who realized that this would put their states at a disadvantage. To resolve this dispute, the Convention agreed that the house would elect the president if no candidate had an electoral college majority, but that each state delegation would vote as a bloc, rather than individually. In its report to the Convention on July 5, the committee offered a compromise. The large states had opposed the Connecticut Compromise, because they felt it gave too much power to the smaller states. Stewart has called a "remarkable copy-and-paste job. As Stewart describes it, the committee "hijacked" and remade the Constitution, altering critical agreements the Convention delegates had already made, enhancing the powers of the states at the expense of the national government, and adding several far-reaching provisions that the Convention had never discussed. He argued for a federal government of limited power. The first major change, insisted on by Rutledge, was meant to sharply curtail the essentially unlimited powers to legislate "in all cases for the general interests of the Union" that the Convention only two weeks earlier had agreed to grant the Congress. Rutledge and Randolph worried that the broad powers implied in the language agreed on by the Convention would have given the national government too much power at the expense of the states. Over the course of a series of drafts, a catchall provision the " Necessary and Proper Clause " was eventually added, most likely by Wilson, a nationalist little concerned with the sovereignty of individual states, giving the Congress the broad power "to make all Laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof. On the day the Convention had agreed to appoint the committee, Southerner Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, of South Carolina, had warned of dire consequences should the committee fail to include protections for slavery in the Southern states, or allow for taxing of Southern agricultural exports. The proposed language would bar the Congress from ever interfering with the slave trade. Even after it issued this report, the committee continued to meet off and on until early September. Further modifications and concluding debate[ edit ] Another month of discussion and relatively minor refinement followed, during which several attempts were made to alter the Rutledge draft, though few were successful. Some wanted to add property qualifications for people to hold office, while others wanted to prevent the national government from issuing paper money. One important change that did make it into the final version included the agreement between northern and southern delegates to empower Congress to end the slave trade starting in Southern and northern delegates also agreed to strengthen the Fugitive Slave Clause in exchange for removing a requirement that two-thirds of Congress agree on "navigation acts" regulations of commerce between states and foreign governments. The two-thirds requirement was favored by southern delegates, who thought Congress might pass navigation acts that would be economically harmful to slaveholders. The Committee of Detail was considering several questions related to habeas corpus, freedom of the press, and an executive council to advise the president. Two committees addressed questions related to the slave trade and the assumption of war debts. A new committee was created, the Committee on Postponed Parts, to address other questions that had been postponed. Its members, such as Madison, were delegates who had shown a greater desire for compromise and were chosen for this reason as most in the Convention wanted to finish their work and go home. They also created the office of the vice president, whose only roles were to succeed a president unable to complete a term of office, to preside over the Senate, and to cast tie-breaking votes in the Senate. The committee transferred important powers from the Senate to the president, for example the power to make treaties and appoint ambassadors. The problem had resulted from the understanding that the president would be chosen by Congress; the decision to have the president be chosen instead by an electoral college reduced the chance of the president becoming beholden to Congress, so a shorter term with eligibility for re-election became a viable option. Near the end of the Convention, Gerry, Randolph, and Mason emerged as the main force of opposition. The main objection of the three was the compromise that would allow Congress to pass "navigation acts" with a simple majority in exchange for strengthened slave provisions. Though most of their

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complaints did not result in changes, a couple did. Mason succeeded in adding "high crimes and misdemeanors" to the impeachment clause. Gerry also convinced the Convention to include a second method for ratification of amendments. The report out of the Committee of Detail had included only one mechanism for constitutional amendment, in which two-thirds of the states had to ask Congress to convene a convention for consideration of amendments. As the Convention was drawing to a conclusion, and delegates prepared to refer the Constitution to the Committee on Style to pen the final version, one delegate raised an objection over civil trials.

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Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution The convention sat in the old State House at Philadelphia, and after a stormy session of four months, ended its labors on September 17th, On the afternoon of that day, the constitution duly signed by thirty-nine of the members, some resolutions, and a letter from Washington, were ordered to be sent to Congress, to be by it transmitted to the States. While these things were taking place in a lower room of the State House, the Legislature of Pennsylvania was in session in a room above, and to it, on the morning of September 18th, the constitution was read. The new frame of government meanwhile had been presented to Congress, and there, too, had been strongly opposed. Led on by Melancthon Smith, the New York delegates opposed it to a man. William Grayson, of Virginia, denounced it as too weak. To submit such a document to Congress, they held, was absurd. Congress could give it no countenance whatever. The proposed constitution was a plan for a new government; a new government could not be set up till the old had been pulled down, and to pull down the old was out of the power of Congress. They were reminded that Congress had sanctioned the meeting of the convention, and told that, if Congress could approve the convention, it could approve the work the convention did. But they would not be convinced, and on September 26th, Lee moved a bill of rights and a long list of amendments. He would have no Vice-President, a council of state to be joined with the President in making appointments, more representatives, and more than a majority to pass an act for the regulation of commerce. His bill and his amendments were not considered, and the next day Lee came forward with a new resolution. This was, that the acts of the convention should be sent to the executives of the States, to be by them laid before their legislatures. Instantly a member from Delaware moved to add the words: It was then moved to urge the legislatures to call state conventions with all the speed they could; but Congress rose, and the matter went over to the next day. It was now quite clear that neither party could have its own way. The Federalists wished to send the new plan to the States by the undivided vote of Congress. But this they could not do while the New York delegates held out. Lee and his followers wished to send it, if sent at all, without one word of approval. But this they could not do unless the Federalists were willing. When, therefore, Congress again assembled at noon on the 28th, each party gave up something. The Federalists agreed to withhold all words of approval. The Antifederalists agree to unanimity. The amendments offered by Lee on the 26th, and the vote on the 27th, were then expunged from the journal, and the constitution, the resolutions of the convention, and the letter of Washington, were formally sent to the States. William Bingham of Pennsylvania at once sent off an ex-press to Philadelphia with the news. But the rider had not crossed the ferry to Paulus Hook when the Legislature of Pennsylvania began to act. The Assembly had resolved to adjourn sine die on Saturday, September 29th. But the Federalists had determined that before adjournment a state convention to consider the constitution should be called. When, therefore, the day drew near, and no word of approval came from Congress, they took the matter into their own hands, and on Friday morning George Clymer rose in his place, and moved that a state convention of deputies be called, that they meet at Philadelphia, and that they be chosen in the same manner and on the same day as the members of the next General Assembly. Whitehill, who sat for Cumberland, objected, moved to put off consideration of the matter till afternoon, and provoked a long and bitter debate. The people, it was said, in the State at large knew nothing about the new plan. To inform them before election would be impossible. The matter should be left to the next Assembly. Congress besides had taken no action, and till Congress did, no State could act: The motion again was unparliamentary. The custom of the Assembly had always been, when important business was to be brought on, to give notice beforehand, have the matter made the order of the day, and have the bill read three times. To now bring on business so important by surprise, and hurry it through without debate, was clearly to serve some bad end. Such argument, however, could not bring over a single Federalist, and the first

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of the resolutions, 1 that calling the convention to meet at Philadelphia, was carried by a vote of forty-three to nineteen. The Assembly then adjourned till four in the afternoon. Not a few of the minority lodged in the house of Major Boyd, on Sixth street, and there it is likely a plan was laid that came very near being successful. The Assembly consisted of sixty-nine members. Forty-six made a quorum. If, therefore, nineteen kept away there would be no quorum, and if there was no quorum the house would be forced to adjourn with the day for the election of delegates unfixed, and the manner of choosing the members unsettled. It was accordingly arranged that not one of the nineteen should go to the afternoon session, and not one did. But all told, they counted only forty-four, and the business could not go on. After waiting a while and no more coming in, the Speaker sent out the sergeant-at-arms to summon the absentees. Meanwhile, the rider sent on by Mr. Bingham came spurring into town with the resolution of Congress submitting the constitution to the States. This, when the Speaker had taken the chair on Saturday, was read to the house. Hoping that the opposition of the minority would now be removed, the sergeant-at-arms and the assistant clerk were dispatched to hunt up the malcontents, show them the resolution, and summon them to attend. They were shown the resolution, and stoutly said they would not go. The people, however, decided that they should; broke into their lodgings, seized them, dragged them through the streets to the State House, and thrust them into the assembly room, with clothes torn and faces white with rage. The quorum was now complete. When the roll had been called and a petition praying for a convention presented and read, Mr. Some debate followed, in the course of which the rules touching the matter were read. It then appeared that every member who did not answer at roll-call was to be fined 2S. But when a quorum could not be formed without him, a fine of 5s. While these things were happening in the Assembly, the minority were busy preparing an address to the people, which sixteen of the nineteen signed. The objections of these men were ten in number. The new plan was offensive because it was too costly, because it was to be a government of three branches, because it would ruin state governments or reduce them to corporations, because power of taxation was vested in Congress, because liberty of the press was not assured, because trial by jury was abolished in civil cases, and because the federal judiciary was so formed as to destroy the judiciary of the States. There ought to have been rotation in office, in place of which representatives were to be chosen for two years and senators for six. There ought to have been a declaration of rights, and provision against a standing army. They were at once answered in verse, in squibs, in mock protests, in serious and carefully drawn replies. One such reply came from six of the majority. Another, the longest and the most elaborate of all, was written by Pelatiah Webster. Webster was born at Lebanon, Connecticut, in , and seems to have possessed the traditional versatility of the New England people. At twenty-one he was graduated from Yale college, studied theology, and for two years preached in the town of Greenwich. Wearying of this he turned business man, and went to Philadelphia in . Either the profits were small or the business not to his taste, for in he accepted the place of second English master in the Germantown academy, on a salary of one hundred pounds, proclamation money, a year. This he gave tip in , after which time nothing is known concerning him till, in , he published an essay in favor of taxation for the purpose of redeeming the continental bills of credit. The British in threw him into jail, where he staid six months. In Webster died. But an answer more decisive than that of Mr. Webster was made by the people at the polls, when the day came for choosing the members of the new Assembly and Council. Then Robert Whitehill, who signed the address as one of the sixteen, and had, in return, been put up for a seat in the Council, was thrown out by the voters of Cumberland county. Samuel Dale, whose name likewise appeared at the foot of the address, and Frederick Antis, who, having voted for the convention in the memorable morning session, went out with the nineteen in the afternoon, each met a like fate in Northumberland. The election, however, to which the factions looked forward with most concern was that of delegates to the convention. Four weeks were to come and go before this took place, and during these weeks the Antifederalists were all activity. His letters in their day were ascribed to Oswald, to George Bryan, to almost every Antifederalist of note. But it seems not unlikely that the writer was Samuel Bryan. Eleazer Oswald was a native of Great Britian, and came to this country just at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. Young, romantic, deeply

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impressed with the rights of man, he instantly took the part of the colonies, joined their army and fought for them during half the war. He was with Ethen Allen when Ticonderoga was taken, marched with Benedict Arnold to the siege of Quebec, led the forlorn hope on the day Montgomery fell, and took part under Washington in the battle of Monmouth. Stripped of all bitterness, the arguments of the two parties may be briefly stated. The new plan, said the Antifederalists, is not only a confederation of States, which it ought to be; but a government over individuals, which it ought not to be. Not only may Congress overawe the States, but it can go down and lay hold on the life, liberty and property of the meanest citizen in the land. Where powers so extensive are bestowed on a government, the limits of the powers and the rights of the people ought to be clearly defined. Does the constitution do this? No safeguards whatever are provided. There is no bill of rights, while trial by jury, that great bulwark of liberty, is carefully done away with in civil cases. Liberty of the press is not secured. Religious toleration is not provided for. There are to be general search warrants, excise laws, a standing army which the constitution does not forbid being quartered on the people. Now, the state constitutions provide for liberty of the press, of speech, and of worship. The constitution of the United States does not. By another article Congress is to have power to lay taxes, imposts and duties. But so have the States power to lay taxes.

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Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution, This was no doubt owing to the fact that Philadelphia had been chosen as the place where the sessions of the convention were to be held, and it imposed no hardship or expense on her citizens to attend. Travelling in those days on horseback or by stage wagon was attended by fatigue and expense, and so closely were expenses watched that when the Pennsylvania Assembly declined to provide compensation for its delegates, representatives from the rural districts declined to serve. Not only was the delegation the largest in the convention, but it was one of the most distinguished. Of the fifty-six men who signed the Declaration of Independence but six signed the constitution, and of these four were from Pennsylvania. Gouverneur Morris and James Wilson led the debate in the convention. The former spoke one hundred and seventy-three times, the latter one hundred and sixty-eight times. But Wilson must be regarded as the father of the constitution in Pennsylvania. His advocacy of it before the people, his clear and forcible explanation of its meaning in the state convention, clearly entitle him to this. The attacks made upon him in the public press show how he was recognized as its chief advocate by those who opposed it. For months his time was entirely devoted to the work, and it is doubtful if without his earnest effort, the constitution would have been ratified by Pennsylvania. We print the sketches of the Pennsylvania members in the order in which they signed the constitution. A philosopher whose wisdom was world-renowned, he exceeded in practical knowledge every one of his associates. With no pretensions as a speaker, he disposed of every question with extraordinary brevity, sometimes by a happy allegory, some-times by a single sentence. No man in the convention, save Washington, was more revered. No man could boast of such a remarkable career. To give more than a bare outline of this here would be the work of supererogation. Apprenticed to his brother James as a printer, after a few years, owing to a disagreement, he left home and established himself in Philadelphia. In he assisted in founding the Philadelphia Library; became clerk to the Assembly in ; postmaster of Philadelphia in ; and in was deputy postmaster-general of the British Colonies. On October 4, , he was chosen one of the Common Councilmen of the city of Philadelphia; and on October 1, , alderman. In he made the discovery of the identity of lightning with the electric fluid. In , as a commissioner from Pennsylvania to the Albany Congress, he prepared the plan of union for the common defence adopted by that body. He served as a member of the Assembly from to , the latter year being speaker; from to , and again from to , he was the agent of the province to Great Britain, spending most of his time in England, and while there aided in securing the repeal of the obnoxious stamp act. In the Universities of Oxford and Edinburgh conferred on him for his scientific discoveries the degree of LL. From to he was again elected to the Assembly. Returning to Philadelphia in the spring of , he was chosen a member of the continental Congress. While in Congress he was one of the committee to prepare, as he was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a member of the constitutional convention of July 15, , and chosen its President. From the close of to September, , he was the American Ambassador to France, and secured the treaty of alliance with that country, signed February 6, , which greatly assisted in securing the independence of the colonies. He took a prominent part in negotiating the preliminary treaty of peace with England, which was signed at Paris, November 30, , and with Adams and Jay signed that at Ghent, September 3, He was President of Pennsylvania from October 17, , to November 5, , declining on account of his advanced years to continue in office. In May, , he was a delegate to the convention which framed the constitution of the United States. He died in the city of Philadelphia; April 17, It was the intention of his father that he should be a merchant, and after he had graduated at the College of Philadelphia he was placed in the counting-house of William Coleman. When he was 21 years of age he visited Europe to improve his knowledge of commercial affairs and after his return home entered into business with his brother, the connection continuing until after the commencement of the Revolution. His interest in

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public affairs began while he was quite a young man, and in he signed the famous non-importation agreement, opposing the stamp act. In he was chosen one of the two representatives of Philadelphia in the Assembly, and was so continued until In the latter part of that year he resigned his position and was chosen a member of the Board of War. In he was again engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was a member of the continental Congress in and , serving as President during the latter year. He was Speaker of the Assembly in ; member of the Federal Convention ; President of the Supreme Executive Council ; President of the constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania in ; Governor of Pennsylvania from ; member of the Legislature , dying in January of the latter year. Mifflin was a fluent speaker, and used his powers to the utmost in organizing an opposition to the Boston Port Bill and similar measures. So successful was he that some of the militia reached the army before it had crossed the Delaware, and the thousands that soon poured into camp, made the advance that resulted in the victory at Princeton a necessity. Unfortunately for the reputation of Mifflin, he after-wards associated with Gates and Conway, and his name has come down in history as one who sought to remove Washington from command of the army. While he left on record a solemn protest that his action was dictated by the purest patriotism, it is impossible not to believe that his judgment was warped by jealousy excited by the preference Washington showed for others. While Mifflin was President of Congress the war closed and Washington resigned his commission. It was tendered personally to Mifflin, whose reply to the few words uttered by Washington were dignified and eloquent. And for you we address to Him our earnest prayers that a life so beloved may be fostered with all His care; that your days may be as happy as they have been illustrious ; and that He will finally give you that reward which this world cannot give. Although a warm advocate of the adoption of the constitution, Mifflin subsequently belonged to the republican or anti-federal party, but this did not prevent him from supporting the general government in the suppression of the Whisky Insurrection. The elder Rawle, who knew him personally, says: His frame was athletic, and seemed capable of bearing much fatigue. Prior to he came with his father, also Robert Morris, to America, and settled in Oxford county, Maryland. While quite young, Robert, the son, was sent to Philadelphia, and entered the counting house of Charles Willing, and in formed a partnership with his son, Thomas Willing, which lasted until In he vigorously opposed the Stamp Act, and signed the non-importation agreement. Upon the formation of the Committee of Safety in , he was made its Vice-President, and continued in that office until its dissolution in He was a member of the second continental Congress that met in Philadelphia in , and served on committees for furnishing the colonies with a naval armament and for procuring money for Congress. He subsequently, however, signed the engrossed Declaration. In December, , when the Congress retired to Baltimore, he was one of the committee left behind to attend to public business, and it was at that time on his personal credit he raised the money that kept the army together and enabled Washington to follow up his advantage at Trenton with his victory at Princeton. On May 14, , he accepted the office of Superintendent of Finance, a position he held until November 1, His success in bringing order out of the chaotic state into which the finances of the country had fallen is too well known to require more than mention. In accepting the position of financier he wrote: He was one of the first senators from Pennsylvania under the constitution. He was released on the 16th of February, , and died on May 7, 1806, in his seventy-third year. He was born in Philadelphia June 1, 1 His parents died in , and he was adopted by his uncle, William Coleman, a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. He was educated at the College of Philadelphia, but not formally graduated, and entered the counting house of his uncle, where he obtained an extensive knowledge of mercantile affairs. In he opposed the stamp act and signed the non-importation agreement. After having occupied a number of positions of honor and trust of a public character, and having served on many of the committees appointed at the outbreak of the Revolution, Mr. Clymer, on July 20, , was chosen one of the treasurers of the Continental Congress, his colleague being Michael Hillegas. From October 20, , until July 22, , Mr. Clymer was a member of the Committee of Safety, and was also a delegate to the constitutional convention of By that body he was chosen a delegate to the continental Congress, and on August 2d signed the engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence. He was also elected to Congress in , 80 and 81, and was repeatedly chosen a member of the Assembly of

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Pennsylvania. Few men served the public more faithfully or in more diversified ways. Well educated, with refined tastes, and ample fortune to indulge them, he shrank from no responsibility laid upon him, although at utter variance with his re-tiring disposition. As captain of a company of militia he took part in several campaigns. As a member of a Committee of Congress when that body fled in panic to Baltimore, he remained, in Philadelphia with Robert Morris to attend public business. He visited Fort Pitt to pacify the savages in that quarter during the Revolution, and after the adoption of the constitution assisted in forming a treaty with the Creeks and Cherokees in Georgia. He was one of the first directors of the Bank of North America, and subsequently president of the Philadelphia Bank. When it is remembered how the need of a Federal government was made manifest through the disordered condition of the finances of the country, it is not surprising that a person so versed in monetary affairs as Mr. Clymer, should have been selected as a delegate to the general convention. In that body he bore a conspicuous part, and when the constitution was submitted to the States it was he who, in the assembly, moved the calling of a convention for its consideration, thus securing the early support of Pennsylvania, the first large State that ratified the constitution, and second only in point of time to Delaware. Under the constitution Mr. Clymer served as a representative from Pennsylvania during the first Congress. In the Legislature of the State he urged a revision of the penal code, and a lessening of its rigorous measures, contending successfully that capital punishment should only be inflicted in extreme cases. He died at the residence of his son, near Morrisville, Bucks county, June 24, , in the seventy-fourth year of his age. The victim of oppression, he came to this country between the years and and settled in Philadelphia, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Not long after, he married the daughter of Mr. Robert Meade, the great-grandfather of the late Gen. Meade, and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, who was one of the prominent merchants and ship-owners of Philadelphia. He warmly espoused the cause of the Colonies in their contest with the mother country, and raised and commanded a military company. He was with General Cadwalader at Bristol and Burlington, in the movements contemporary with the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and was also a member of the Council of Safety, and of the Navy Board. In , he was elected a member of the continental Congress, and took a leading part in the debates on the financial situation. After the peace he was for several years a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and in he became a member of the Federal Convention. He opposed universal suffrage and contended that the privilege of voting should be restricted to freeholders. He favored giving Congress the power to tax exports as well as imports, and argued that the House of Representatives should be united with the President, as well as the Senate, in making treaties. In the great federal procession in Philadelphia, July 4th, , by which the ratification of the constitution by ten States was celebrated, Mr. Fitzsimons appeared, representing the French alliance, mounted on a horse formerly owned by Count Rochambeau, and carrying a flag of white silk, emblazoned with the ensigns of France and the United States. When the National Government was organized, Mr.

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History of Erie, Pennsylvania Cultures of indigenous peoples occupied the shoreline and bluffs in this area for thousands of years, taking advantage of the rich resources. The historic Iroquoian -speaking Erie Nation occupied this area before being defeated by the five nations of the Iroquois Confederacy in the 17th century during the Beaver Wars. The Iroquois tribes had developed and five nations formed a political league in the s, adding their sixth nation in the early 18th century. The Erie area became controlled by the Seneca , "keeper of the western door" of the Iroquois, who were largely based in present-day New York. Europeans first arrived as settlers in the region when the French constructed Fort Presque Isle near present-day Erie in , as part of their effort to defend New France against the encroaching British colonists. The French term " presque-isle " means peninsula literally, "almost an island". The British established a garrison at the fort at Presque Isle that same year, three years before the end of the French and Indian War. The Iroquois claimed ownership first so a conference was arranged for on January 9, wherein representatives from the Iroquois signed a deed relinquishing their ownership of the land. The General Assembly of Pennsylvania commissioned the surveying of land near Presque Isle through an act passed on April 18, Initial settlement of the area began that year. They became the first European-American settlers of Erie, settling at what became known as "Presque Isle". President James Madison began the construction of a naval fleet during the War of to gain control of the Great Lakes from the British. The city was the site where three sets of track gauges met. While the delays engendered cargo troubles for commerce and travel, they provided much-needed local jobs in Erie. When a national standardized gauge was proposed, those jobs, and the importance of the rail hub itself, were put in jeopardy. In an event known as the Erie Gauge War , the citizens of Erie, led by the mayor, set fire to bridges, ripped up track and rioted to try to stop the standardization. A culvert, or a tunnel, was blocked by debris, and collapsed. Downtown Erie continued to grow for most of the 20th century, based on its manufacturing base. It attracted numerous waves of European immigrants for industrial jobs. The importance of American manufacturing, US steel and coal production, and commercial fishing began to gradually decline. Reflecting this perceived decline, Erie is occasionally referred to by residents as "The Mistake on the Lake" or "Dreary Erie". The tallest steeple to the north of the tracks is St. Lawrence River , and out to the Atlantic Ocean. South of Erie is a drainage divide, beyond which most of the streams in western Pennsylvania flow south into the Allegheny or Ohio rivers. According to the United States Census Bureau , the city has a total area of A road map of Erie showing the major routes that travel through it Erie is laid out in a grid surrounding Perry Square in the downtown area. Erie has generally small ethnic neighborhoods including a Little Italy. South of 38th Street, the grid gives way to curvilinear roads of post suburban development. The Bicentennial Tower is centrally located in the skyline when viewed from Presque Isle State Park, with the high-rise and mid-rise buildings flanking the higher ground behind and to the east and west sides. Docks and marinas fill the freshwater shoreline in between. Climate[ edit ] The climate of Erie is typical of the Great Lakes. Erie is located in the snow belt that stretches from Cleveland to Syracuse and Watertown ; accordingly, its winters are typically cold, with heavy lake effect snow , but also with occasional stretches of mild weather that cause accumulated snow to melt. There is an average of 2. The adverse winter conditions caused USAir Flight to overrun the runway at Erie International Airport in , and caused whiteouts that were responsible for a car pile-up on Interstate

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