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# Bill of Rights

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Congress shall make no law respecting an

establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free

exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of

speech, or of the press; or the right of the people



peaceably to assemble, and to petition the

Government for a redress of grievances.



A well regulated militia, being necessary to the

security of a free State, the right of the people to

keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.



No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered

in any house, without the consent of the owner,

nor in time of war, but in a manner to be

prescribed by law.



The right of the people to be secure in their

persons, houses, papers, and effects, against

unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be

violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon



probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation,

and particularly describing the place to be

searched, and the persons or things to be seized.



No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or  
otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment  
or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases  
arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia,





when in actual service in time of war or public

danger; nor shall any person be subject for the

same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or

limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case



to be a witness, against himself, nor be deprived

of life, liberty, or property, without due process

of law; nor shall private property be taken for

public use, without just compensation.



In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall

enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an

impartial jury of the State and district wherein the

crime shall have been committed, which district



shall have been previously ascertained by law,

and to be informed of the nature and cause of the

accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses

against him; to have compulsory process for



obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the  
assistance of counsel for his defense.



In suits at common law, where the value in

controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right

of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact

tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in



any court of the United States, than according to

the rules of the common law.



Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive

fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments

inflicted.





The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain

rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage

others retained by the people.



The powers not delegated to the United States by

the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States,

are reserved to the States, respectively, or to the

people.