

No part of this constitution shall be altered, unless a bill to alter the same shall have been read three times in the house of representatives, and three times in the senate, and agreed to by two-thirds of both branches of the whole representation; neither shall any alteration take place until the bill so agreed to be published three months previous to a new election for members to the house of representatives; and if the alteration proposed by the legislature shall be agreed to in their first session by two-thirds of the whole representation in both branches of the legislature, after the same shall have been read three times, on three several days in each house, then, and not otherwise, the same shall become a part of the constitution.

Done in convention, at Columbia, in the state of South Carolina, the third day of June, in the year of our Lord 1790, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By the unanimous order of the convention,

CHARLES PINCKNEY, *President.*

AMENDMENTS.

A Bill to alter the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution of the state of South Carolina.

Be it enacted by the honourable the senate and house of representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the fourth section of the first article of the constitution of this state be altered and amended, to read as follows: Every free white man of the age of twenty-one years, paupers and non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of the army of the United States excepted, being a citizen of this state, and having resided therein two years previous to the day of election, and who hath a freehold of fifty acres of land, or a town lot, of which he hath been legally seized and possessed at least six months before such election, or not having such freehold or town lot, hath been a resident in the election district in which he offers to give his vote six months before the said election, shall have a right to vote for a member or members to serve in either branch of the legislature, for the election district in which he holds such property, or is so resident.

AMENDMENTS RATIFIED DECEMBER 17, 1808.

The following sections, in amendment of the third, seventh, and ninth sections of the first article of the constitution of this state, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, valid parts of the said constitution; and the said third, seventh, and ninth sections, or such parts thereof as are repugnant to such amendments, are hereby repealed and made void.

The house of representatives shall consist of one hundred and twenty-four members, to be apportioned among the several election districts of the state, according to the number of white inhabitants contained, and