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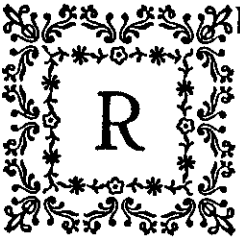
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THE  
KENTUCKY-VIRGINIA  
RESOLUTIONS AND  
MR. MADISON'S REPORT OF 1799

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KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE  
*in the House of Representatives*

November 10th, 1798.

ESOLVED, that the several States composing the United States of America, are not united on the principles of unlimited submission to their General Government; but that by compact under the style and title of a Constitution for the United States and of amendments thereto, they constituted a General Government for special purposes, delegated to that Government certain definite powers, reserving each State to itself, the residuary mass of right to their own self Government; and that whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force: That to this compact each State acceded as a State, and is an integral party, its co-States forming as to itself, the other party: That the Government created by this compact was not made the exclusive or final *judge* of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion, and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers; but that as in all other cases of compact among parties having no common Judge, each party has an equal right to judge for itself, as well of infractions as of the mode and measure of redress.

Source: "WE THE STATES," Historic Documents published by the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Government, 1964, pp. 143, 144.

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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