

Demands were made to limit the power of the government (and insure individual freedoms) before ratification was complete. The result was the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights

I. Freedoms of: religion, speech, the press, peaceful assembly, petition the government for redress of grievances

II. Right to bear arms

III. Prohibition on quartering soldiers in homes

IV. Prohibition against unreasonable search and seizure

V. Protection of grand jury, prohibition on double jeopardy, right to remain silent, protections of due process

VI. Protections for the accused: speedy trial, jury, informed of accusations, confront witnesses, call own witnesses, right to an attorney

VII. Right to trial by jury in civil cases

VIII. Prohibition on excessive bail, excessive fines, and cruel and unusual punishments

IX. the People have other rights not listed

X. Other powers reserved to the States or the People