

SECTION VIII.

The congress shall have power—

I. To lay and collect taxes, duties, imports, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defence, and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imports and excises, shall be uniform throughout the United States.

II. To borrow money on the credit of the United States.

III. To regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

IV. To establish an uniform rule of naturalization; and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, throughout the United States.

V. To coin money, to regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin; and fix the standard of weights and measures.

VI. To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States.

VII. To establish post offices and post roads.

VIII. To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing, for limited times, to authors and inventors, the exclusive right of the respective writings and discoveries.

IX. To constitute tribunals inferior to the supreme court.

X. To decline and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offences against the law of nations.

XI. To declare war; grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water.

XII. To raise and support armies. But no appropriation of money for that use, shall be for a longer term than two years.