



INQUIRY #1 OF LOCAL AND STATE CIVIL OFFICIALS: THE LEGAL BASIS FOR RETURN TO THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your service to the community and region. I have questions regarding our national constitution which are relevant because this Board is expected to take an oath to the national constitution and it impacts liberty:

1. What should we think of this article which explains how the USA's original constitution (the Articles of Confederation) was illegally overturned and replaced by the Federal Constitution: <https://www.minnpost.com/eric-black-ink/2012/10/do-you-know-constitution-unconstitutional/> ?

2. What should we think of the thesis of Dr. Murray Rothbard's book at <https://mises.org/library/conceived-liberty-volume-5-new-republic-1784-1791/html> explaining how the Articles of Confederation was illegally overturned and the negative consequences of that in undermining limited government and liberty?

3. What should we think of Patrick Henry's quote in defense of the Articles of Confederation and warnings about the Federal Constitution: "The Confederation, this same despised government, merits, in my opinion, the highest encomium: it carried us through a long and dangerous war; it rendered us victorious in that bloody conflict with a powerful nation; it has secured us a territory greater than any European monarch possesses: and shall a government which has been thus strong and vigorous, be accused of imbecility, and abandoned for want of energy? Consider what you are about to do before you part with the government. Take longer time in reckoning things; revolutions like this have happened in almost every country in Europe; similar examples are to be found in ancient Greece and ancient Rome instances of the people losing their liberty by their carelessness and the ambition of a few... I acknowledge that licentiousness is dangerous, and that it ought to be provided against; I acknowledge, also, the new form of government may effectually prevent it: yet there is another thing it will as effectually do- it will oppress and ruin the people." ?

4. What are the implications since Michigan was formed based upon the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, which said this: "The said territory, and the states which may be formed therein, shall forever remain a part of this confederacy of the United States of America, subject to the articles of confederation, and to such alterations, therein as shall be constitutionally made"?

In other words, I would ask you: which constitution should be recognized as the rightful national constitution in our state constitution and by localities in our state?

Sincerely,

Note: For any questions about this inquiry, contact J. Parnell McCarter at puritansinfo@gmail.com. Any response to these questions should follow legal and peaceful process, as also made clear at www.puritans.net . The Lord Jesus Christ, and those who seek that His kingdom would come, will prevail by legal means, and we do not need to resort to illegality, unlike those in rebellion against Him.