## A Treatise on the Corruption of the U.S. Constitution of the Several States – Abstract Short Version

- 1. 5 of the 13 states "ratified" no direct taxes at all in their conventions
- 2. 5 of the 13 states "ratified" no direct taxes with emergency only exceptions
- 3. 2 of the 13 states "ratified" direct taxes with general limitations
- 4. Georgia had no position on direct taxes
- 5. Despite 10 states insisting on no direct taxes and some with emergency only exceptions, this wording was omitted from the Constitution
- 6. Some states stated that direct taxes were contrary to their sovereignty as well as individual sovereignty
- 7. The Pennsylvania Convention went on for 4 months in a closed door session with utmost secrecy
- 8. Violence was used to drag dissenting member back to the floor to force a quorum
- 9. The assembly calling the convention, was accused of acting as individuals, not as the legislature of the state
- 10. The Constitutional Convention was accused of being in direct violation of the 13th Article of the Articles of the Confederation
  - The 13<sup>th</sup> Article required unanimous decision by the several states, only 9 gave their approval, some with physical force
- 11. The conventions were not the Continental Congress and were told they had no authority to do what they did
- 12. The opponents of the Constitution and the conventions wanted a Confederation of Republics NOT a consolidated Constitutional Republic
- 13. The Constitutional Conventions were suppose to submit their convention findings to their legislatures
  - o then the legislatures were to submit it to their people
  - o Only then it became an act of the people
  - o the Constitution was never put before the people
  - o the Constitution was never approved by the people
  - Lysander Spooner inferred this theme also <a href="http://www.lysanderspooner.org/">http://www.lysanderspooner.org/</a>
- 14. Those who framed the Constitution were accused of exceeding their power by "very far."
- 15. The dissenters to the Constitution had grave concerns of the extreme judicial power of the consolidated federal government
- 16. "A consolidated government is executed by force"
- 17. The "Constitution" was rammed through by certain elite factions in the big colonial cities
- 18. The original idea was NOT a limited government NOR a consolidated government BUT a -
  - single purpose government for the regulation of trade using a 5% impost (customs duty)
- 19. There was strong objection to the use of "We the people" by some delegates -e, the people, is surely an assumed power"
- 20. "This government will not enjoy the confidence of the people, but be executed by force"
- 21. Edmond J. Randolph, a Virginia State Constitutional delegate who ultimately became the Secretary of State under President Washington, was forced to resign after embezzling gold from the treasury for a clandestine plan to invade the several states and recover them for England