

Excerpt from the Constitution of the Confederate States of America

[Preamble] We, the people of the Confederate States, each State acting in its sovereign and independent character, in order to form a permanent federal government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity — invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God — do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Confederate States of America...

[Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 4] No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves shall be passed...

[Article IV, Section 2] The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States; and shall have the right of transit and sojourn in any State of this Confederacy, with their slaves and other property; and the right of property in said slaves shall not be thereby impaired...