

Tuesday February 28th 1877 - Mr. [unclear] consideration
the following proposition as a part of the [unclear] of the U.S.
Resolved by the [unclear] House of Representatives of the United
States in Congress assembled, two yeas and two nays, both yeas concur-
ring therein, That the following amendment to the Constitution
of the United States, proposed to the Legislatures of the
several States, and ratified by the Legislatures of
three fourths of said States, shall be valid to all intents
and purposes as a part of the said Constitution.
Congress shall confer with the States the power
to provide for training militia, according to the
discipline prescribed for that purpose, and which
engaged in that service shall be subject to the
to the rules and regulations prescribed for the government
of the militia in the military service of the U.S.
and also to the training in the primary schools
and other similar training in the several States,
the system of discipline prescribed for the militia."

The said proposition was read and ordered to lie
on the table. see Hills Register vol 12 page 28

John Dickinson's favorite maxim "that an armed people and an unarmed
magistracy is the best security for freedom."
Dickinson's writings on government