Alexander Hamilton Primary Source Documents

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Alexander Hamilton at the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia (arranged by date)

(1) William Pierce: Character Sketches of Delegates to the Federal Convention
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(3) Notes on Debates by John Lansing (May 25, 1787)
(4) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (May 30, 1787)
(5) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (June 2, 1787)
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(9) Notes on Debates by John Lansing (June 18, 1787)
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(20) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (June 28, 1787)
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(24) Alexander Hamilton writes to George Washington (July 3, 1787)
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(26) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (July 30, 1787)
(27) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (August 13, 1787)
(28) Alexander Hamilton to Rufus King (August 20, 1787)
(29) Alexander Hamilton to Rufus King (August 28, 1787)
(30) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (September 6, 1787)
(31) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (September 8, 1787)
(32) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (September 10, 1787)
(33) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (September 12, 1787)
(34) James Madison’s Notes of the Constitutional Convention (September 17, 1787)

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(1)  Francis Childs’ Notes of the New York Ratification Debates (June 20, 1788)
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(5)  Melancton Smith’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (June 21, 1788)
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(10) John McKesson’s Notes of the New York Ratification Debates (June 24, 1788)
(11) Melancton Smith’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (June 24, 1788)
(12) John McKesson’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (June 25, 1788)
(36) John McKesson’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (July 3, 1788)
(37) Richard Harison’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (July 3, 1788)
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(41) Melancton Smith’s Notes of the New York Ratification Convention Debates (July 14, 1788)
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(59) New York Ratification Convention Debates and Proceedings (July 26, 1788)
Miscellaneous Records

(1) George Washington to Alexander Hamilton (August 28, 1788)
(2) Alexander Hamilton to George Washington (September 25, 1788)
(3) Alexander Hamilton to Edward Carrington (May 26, 1792)
(4) Alexander Hamilton on the Constitutionality of the National Bank (February 23, 1791)
(5) Alexander Hamilton: A Reply to Anonymous Charges (1793)
(6) Anonymous Letter to Alexander Hamilton (August 30, 1793)
(7) Timothy Pickering to Alexander Hamilton (April 5, 1803)
(8) Alexander Hamilton to Timothy Pickering (September 16, 1803)
(9) Timothy Pickering to Alexander Hamilton (October 18, 1803)