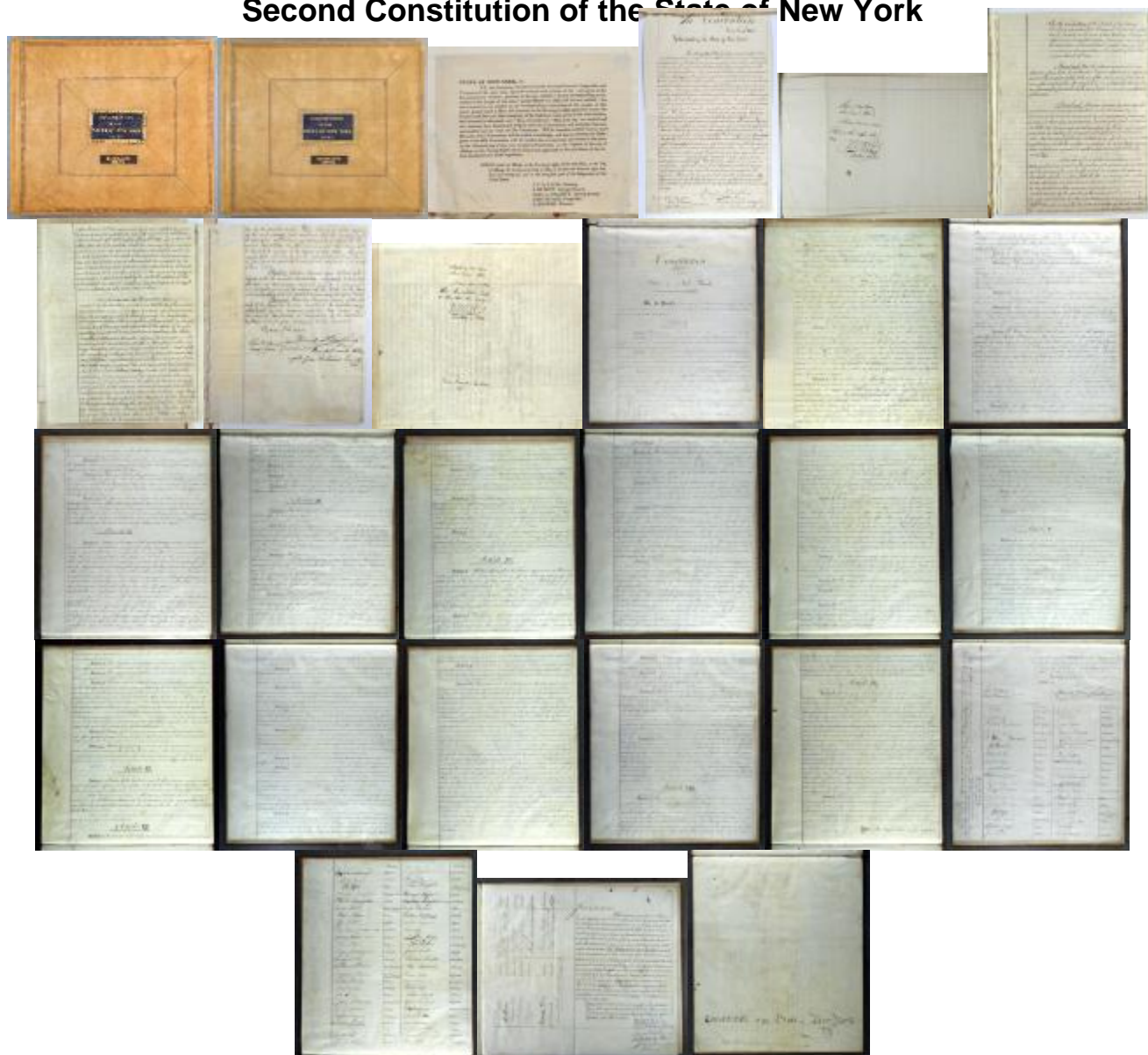


Second Constitution of the State of New York



The New York State Constitution of 1821 was framed and adopted by a Convention of Delegates which met in Albany from August 28 to November 10, 1821. It was ratified by the voters at a special election held January 15-17, 1822, and took effect December 31, 1822.

Approved by a wide margin, the new constitution included a bill of rights and removed property qualifications for white male voters, yet expanded property qualifications for African Americans. The document redistributed appointment power, placed veto power in the hands of the governor, and established a formal mechanism for amending the state constitution.

The document is attested by Daniel D. Tompkins, president, and signatures of the delegates appear at the end of the document.

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