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Text of 1791
First Amendment

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting
an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
or abridging the freedom of speech,
or of the press; or the right
of the people peaceably to assemble,
and to petition the Government for a
redress of grievances.



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