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The constitutional provisions to be considered in this case are as follows:

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:

"The Congress shall have power" * * * "To borrow money on the credit of the United States."

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"To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures."

(Constitution U. S., Art. 1., Sec. 8.)

"No state shall * * * coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any * * * law impairing the obligation of contracts."

(Constitution U. S., Art. I., Sec. 10.)

"No person * * * shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

(Amendments Constitution U. S., Art. V.)

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

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(Amendments Constitution U. S., Art. X.)

ACTS OF CONGRESS.

The statutory provisions involved in this case are as follows:

APPROVED APRIL 2, 1792.

(1 U. S. Stat., 246.)

Sec. 9. "That there shall be from time to time struck and coined at the said Mint, coins of gold, silver, and copper, of the following denominations, values and descriptions, viz.: Eagles—each to be of the value of ten dollars or units, and to contain two hundred and forty-seven grains and four eighths of a grain of pure, or two hundred and seventy grains of standard gold. Half Eagles—each to be of the value of five dollars, and to contain one hundred and twenty-three grains and six-eighths of a grain of pure or one hundred and thirty-five grains of standard gold. Quarter Eagles—each to be of the value of two dollars and a half dollar, and to contain sixty-one grains and seven-eighths of a grain of pure, or sixty-seven grains and four-eighths of a grain of standard gold. Dollars or Units—each to be of the value of a Spanish Milled dollar