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- Decide how large the Army is and maintain it
- Appropriate dollars in order to support the war effort
- Power to call forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions
- Make rules for the governing of new lands acquired through a war
- Make treaties that officially end the conflict
- Begin the engagement, actually declare war
- Decide to have a Navy and maintain it
- Make rulings on anything captured during the war either on land or sea

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- Suspend the writ of habeas corpus
- Commander in Chief of the Militia
- Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy
- Make decisions on the field of battle
- Require the opinion of the principal officer of the Army, Navy, and Militia before making decisions