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Reasonably is it to be expected, says a correspondent—that the deliberations of the sages and patriots, who are to meet in Convention at Philadelphia, next month, will be attended with much good—An union of the abilities of so distinguished a body of men, among whom will be a Franklin and a Washington, cannot but produce the most salutary measures.—These last names affixed to their recommendations (and it is to be hoped that this will be the case) will stamp a confidence in them, which the narrow-soul'd, antifederal politicians in the several States, who, by their influence, have hitherto damn'd us a nation, will not dare to attack, or endeavour to nullify.

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