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... I have the constant theme of my examination, and have examined with attention, every piece on the subject that has come within my reach; and in fact, I am nearly converted to a warm Federalist—The sublime reasonings of a Hamilton, a Wilson, a Williamson and others, seem to bear down the lame arguments of their opposers. I have probed both sides to the bottom, and find the secret spring which actuates each to be this,— the Federalist is stimulated by patriotism and honor, and a clear convention of that honor, welfare, glory and happiness of this country is now upon a poize.—The Antifederalist carries in his front, a thin veil of patriotism, but in probing his heart, I found vile, sordid self views—weakness, and mean jealousy stalking at large, and poor Patriotism hardly discernable with a microscope in one corner. Under these circumstances, you must not be surprized should you hear that I am beating up for volunteers in the cause of the federalists. In the Northern States they have resumed the distinction of Whig and Tory, or Washingtonians and Shaysites to distinguish the opposite parties; I am very sorry for this, because I would rather with the Shaysites might be converted by arguments instead of being at last obliged to yield to the blessings which will probably flow from the Washingtonian faith.

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