

**Timothy Pickering to John Pickering, Philadelphia, 29 December 1787  
(excerpt)**

... You will have seen by the News-papers that the Delaware & Jersey States have *unanimously* adopted the New federal constitution; & Pennsylvania by a majority of 46 to 23: The convention consisting of 69 members. The *minority* were of that party in this state who are called *Constitutionalists*, from which party *alone* all the opposition has proceeded but many of the wisest & best of the Constitutionalists have on this occasion joined the *Republicans* in this state, who to a man are *federalists*...

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