

Massachusetts Gazette, 18 January 1788 (excerpt)

At this all-important period, says a correspondent, no truly honest man, who is not misguided in regard to those measures which ought to be pursued to effect an establishment of the honour and happiness of our country, can hesitate concerning the sentiments which ought to be adopted. The proper definition of the word anti-federalism, is anarchy, confusion, rebellion, treason, sacrilege, and rapine—in short, all the evils contained in Pandora's box, will be scattered far and wide, should anti-federalism unfortunately prevail. In the word federalism is combined, national honour, dignity, freedom, happiness, and every republican privilege. Listen, ye wise men of Massachusetts, ye members of the august state convention! listen to the dictates of truth, of reason, and of justice, and if you will listen, and suffer your own minds to be opened to conviction, sure I am that you will unanimously approbate the Grand FEDERAL CONSTITUTION...

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