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...I am happy to find the distinction of *Republican* and *Constitutionalist* in this city has given way to the more important one of *Federalist* and *Antifederalist*; such a worthy example will, I trust, be imitated through every part of this state.

To conclude, sir, if some person of better abilities should not step forth in defense of the form of government proposed by the Convention, I shall hold myself bound, in duty to the welfare of my country, to expose, upon a future occasion, the *weakness* and *futility* of CENTINEL'S arguments, together with the motives which urged him to undertake the infamous job. I shall not, however, resort [to] his torrents of personal invective, but shall take notice of the *sophistry* he has made use of, so far as it is calculated to *mislead* the citizens of Pennsylvania, or of the adjacent states.

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