

## **Gouverneur Morris to James LaCaze, Williamsburg, Va., 21 February 1788**

I come now to Politics in which during the last Summer I had a greater Share than I expected ever to have had again when last I quitted the public Theatre. . . .

To come then at last to our poor Politics in this obscure Corner[.] You will long ere this have seen the Constitution proposed for the United States. I intended to have sent you a Copy immediately after the formation but have no good Opportunity and it was not worth while to make you pay the Packet postage[.] This Paper has been the Subject of infinite Investigation Disputation and Declamation. While some have boasted it as a Work from Heaven others have given it a less righteous origin and charged it to the old great Devil. Medio tutissimus ibis I have many Reasons to believe that it was the Work of plain honest Men and such I think it will appear. Faulty it must be for what is perfect? But if adopted Experience will I think shew that its Faults are just the Reverse of what are supposed. As Yet this Paper is but a dead Letter. Pensilvania Delaware New Jersey Connecticutt and Georgia have adopted it. We wait impatiently the Result of their Deliberations in Massachusetts. Should that State also adopt it which I hope and beleive there will then be little Doubt of a general Acquiescence but otherwise it may be a tedious and Difficult Business. Should it however take Effect the Affairs of this Country will put on a much better Aspect than they have yet worn and America will soon be as much respected abroad as she has for some Time past been disregarded.

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