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We cannot help facilitating our readers and the public, on the almost perfect restoration of peace, and the returning confidence of the people, in every part of the State, in the wisdom and vigour of government, tho' the completion of general prosperity can only arise from the acceptance and approbation of the new Fœderal Constitution, which we are informed, will be soon recommended by our national Convention. The profound secrecy hitherto observed by this august body, we cannot help considering as a happy omen; as it demonstrates, that the spirit of party, on any great and essential point, cannot have arisen to any height.—No other country, perhaps, can exhibit such an illustrious scene as is now displayed on this Continent.—A people in peace, and without bloodshed, deputing a band of Patriots and Philosophers, who would have adorned the history of Greece and Rome, in their most brilliant æras, to consider the political defects of their government; and to recommend a new system, more firm and efficient, and probably, far more favorable, even to the individual liberty of the poorest subject, than the last.—And yet, we may very fairly presume, that this will be the case, from the moderate Sage and enlightned understandings of some of those Luminaries, the radiance of whose wisdom, in peace and war, has been diffused through the wide expanse of this Western Hemisphere. ILLUSTRIOUS SAGES! may we not fondly hope, that none of the little, mean jealousy which has hitherto restrained the career of America to power, glory, peace and safety, will intervene, to prevent the happy effects of your wise councils.—And shall we not believe, that if our future conduct, like our past, should be disgraced by unreasonable suspicions, that the authors of such deception, instead of the plaudit of a part, shall be stigmatised and dishonoured by the united execrations of the whole people.

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