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The long and peaceable session of the present august Convention, and the general determination among all classes of people to receive the government they are now framing (says a correspondent) indicate degrees of order and good sense in the Americans, that have seldom appeared in other countries. Tyrants and official pensioners are the only men who oppose the reformation of governments. In proportion as knowledge and virtue prevail in our country, it will become as common for men to change and improve their governments, civil and ecclesiastical, as it is for men to alter and improve their houses, when the encrease of their families, or a change in their circumstances, make it necessary.

The punctuality with which the members of the Convention assemble every day at a certain hour, and the long time they spend in the deliberations of each day (sometimes seven hours) are proofs, among other things, how much they are entitled to the universal confidence of the people of America. Such a body of enlightened and honest men perhaps never before met for political purposes, in any country upon the face of the earth.

How great (adds our correspondent) must be the satisfaction of our late worthy Commander in Chief, to be called upon a second time, by the suffrages of three millions of people, to save his sinking country?—In 1775, we beheld him at the head of the armies of America, arresting the progress of British tyranny.—In the year 1787, we behold him at the head of a chosen band of patriots and heroes, arresting the progress of American anarchy, and taking the lead in laying a deep foundation for preserving that liberty by a good government, which he had acquired for his country by his sword.—Illustrious and highly favored instrument of the blessings of Heaven to America—live—live for ever!

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