

A Steady and Open Republican, *State Gazette of South Carolina*, 5 May 1788

MRS. TIMOTHY, *The enclosed, copied from a paper sent me by a friend, seems so peculiarly adapted to our present situation, that I cannot forbear selecting it from the croud of publications since the appearance of the proposed federal constitution, and recommending it thro' your paper, to the most serious attention of all our fellow—citizens, but previously a few HINTS, by way of introduction, will not, I hope, be impertinent.*

...What pity the salutary caution of Doct. Franklin, just previous to his signing the constitution recommended by the convention, had not been strictly attended to.—If we split, it will in all probability happen in running head—long on the dangerous rock he so prophetically (as it were) warned us from, “That the opinions of the errors of the constitution born within the walls of the convention, should die there, and not a syllable be whispered abroad.”—This Hint is full of that foresight and penetration the Doctor has always been remarkable for...

...When the general convention met, no citizen of the United States could expect less from it than I did, so many jarring interests and prejudices to reconcile! The variety of pressing dangers at our doors, even during the war, were barely sufficient to force us to act in concert, and necessarily give way at times to each other.—But when the great work was done and published, I was not only most agreeably disappointed, but struck with amazement.—Nothing less than that superintending hand of providence, that so miraculously carried us through the war, (in my humble opinion,) could have brought it about so compleat, upon the whole...

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Charleston, May 2, 1788.

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