

Blessings of the New Government, Philadelphia *Independent Gazetteer*, 6 October 1787

Another correspondent observes, that although the tide seems to run so high at present in favor of the new constitution, there is no doubt but the people will soon change their minds, when they have had time to examine it with coolness and impartiality.

Among the *blessings* of the new-proposed government our correspondent enumerates the following:—1. The *Liberty of the Press* abolished. 2. A standing army. 3. A Prussian militia. 4. No annual elections. 5. Five-fold taxes. 6. No trial by jury in civil cases. 7. General search warrants. 8. Excise laws, customhouse officers, tide and land waiters, cellar rats, &c. 9. A Free importation of negroes for one and twenty years. 10. Appeals to the supreme continental court, where the rich may drag the poor from the furthest parts of the continent. 11. Elections for Pennsylvania held at Pittsburg, or perhaps Wyoming. 12. Poll taxes for our heads, if we chuse to wear them. 13. And *death* if we dare to complain.

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