

***Pennsylvania Packet*, 3 September 1788 (excerpt)**

Extract of a letter from Dr. Price to a gentleman in this city, dated Hackney, near London, June 16.

“I rejoice in the probability there is of the establishment among them of an energetic federal government, and I hope that by this time the new constitution has been adopted by a majority that will be sufficient to bear down opposition, and to engage the *acquiescence* of all the most wise and virtuous part of the states. No society can prosper, if, after a fair discussion, the minority will not submit to the decisions of the majority. The wise and virtuous must see this, and be guided by it. I admire in this instance Dr. Franklin’s conduct—It has been worthy of himself.—The conduct, likewise, of the minority in the state of Massachusetts seems to have done them great credit. In *Pennsylvania* the minority have acted upon a different principle; but I hope they will see the unreasonableness of their conduct, and not endeavour to disturb the public peace. I think with Mr. Adams pretty much on the subject of government, and cannot but approve of the new Constitution as fundamentally right ...”

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