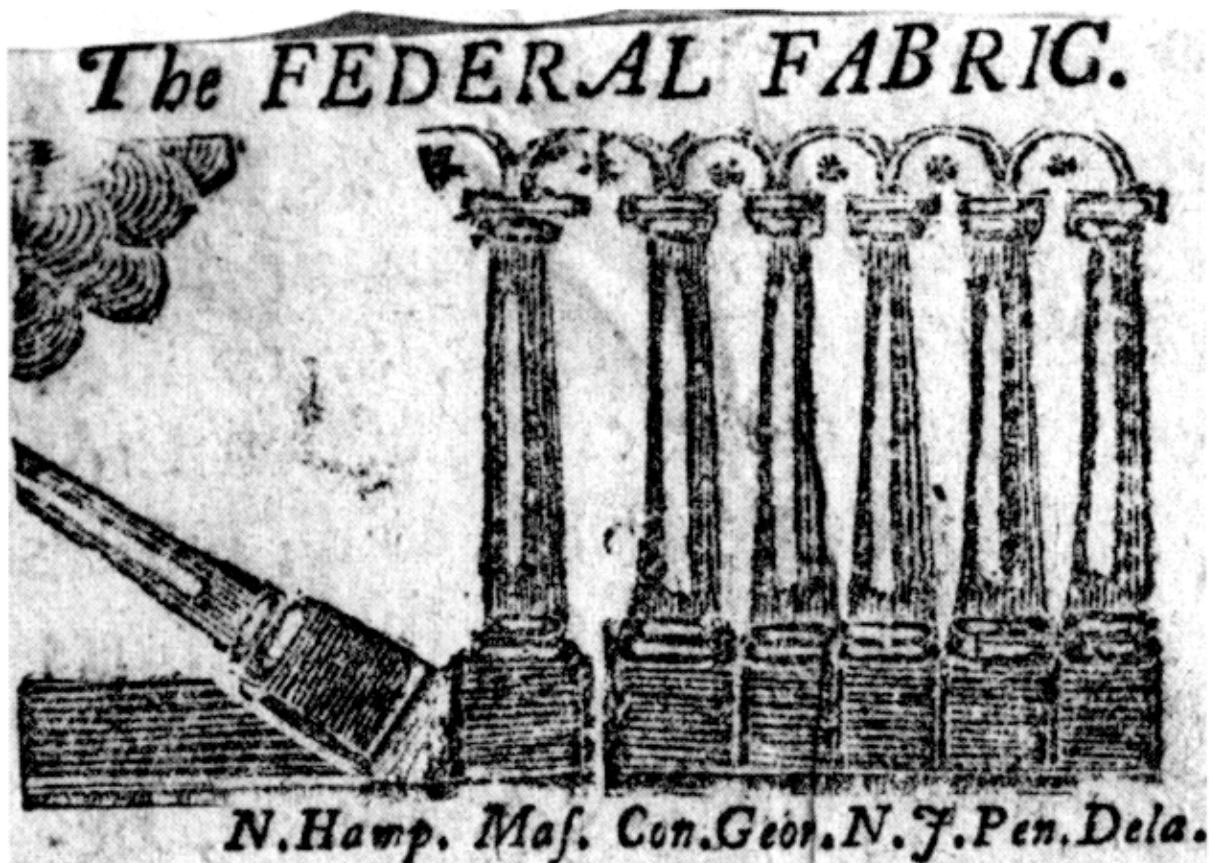


Essex Journal, 13 February 1788

On Thursday last we had the pleasing account of the Ratification of the new Constitution by the Convention of this Commonwealth. A general joy diffused itself through all ranks of people in this town on this glorious news.—We heartily congratulate our readers on this auspicious event, rendered peculiarly happy in the prospect it affords that our sister State of New-Hampshire, whose interests and whose dispositions are so similar to our own, will have an additional inducement to add a Seventh PILLAR¹ to the great Federal Edifice already so far advanced.

On Friday afternoon the principal gentlemen of the Trade and Officers of the Militia of the town, being informed that the delegates from this town and Newbury were on their way home, and being disposed to shew some mark of their satisfaction at the adoption of the Constitution, and of their warm approbation of the conduct of those honourable and worthy gentlemen in Convention, met them at Newbury Green, and escorted them into town, where they were received amidst the acclamations of a Numerous Collection of their applauding Fellow-Citizens.



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