

Thomas FitzSimons to William Irvine, Philadelphia, 22 February 1788

Our Assembly met yesterday, and from anything that appears, at present I am induced to believe the session will be a short one. Except the provision to be made for Congress and the Wyoming business, I see little to be done; for the great reforms in many branches of our domestic administration are wanting, yet as there is so good a prospect of obtaining a federal government, it seems to be agreed to postpone all these objects till that event takes place.

I am told there are a great many petitions, nine dozen, against the act of the late Convention and desiring that a new one should be called; but I suspect the result of the Massachusetts business will either prevent their being presented or at least of their being attended to. It would seem, however, that the nearer we approach to the completion of this business the more vindictive and virulent is the conduct of the opposition.

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