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...The strictest order was observed, during the evening; for the sake of decorum, and that each gentleman might have an opportunity in a regular manner, to express his sentiments, on this joyful occasion, the Hon. Major General Goodwin presided. Many benevolent sentiments were offered on the heart-felt satisfaction, resulting from the pleasing anticipation, of the benefits which America would reap, from the adoption of the Constitution: After which the following Toasts were drank.

- 1st. The President of the late Federal Convention.
- 2d. The patriotick State of Delaware.—As her conduct has been, may t still be exemplary to her sister States.
- 3d. The State of Pennsylvania,—may the new Constitution render her as unrivaled in agriculture, as she has been in commerce.
- 4th. The State of New-Jersey—may the adoption of the Federal Constitution, make them as happy in peace, as they have been distinguished for their patriotism, and intrepidity in war.
- 5th. The State of Connecticut—may the fertility of her soil, render her virtuous citizens happy, while human beings are permitted to inhabit the globe.
- 6th. The State of Georgia—may her designing opposers of the Federal Constitution, meet the same fate, the savage opposers of all government have met, from the gallantry of her citizens.
- 7th. The State of Massachusetts—may her virtuous citizens, that raised the sixth pillar, by cementing themselves, become an emblem of union to America.
- 8th. May concord and unanimity, be the characteristic of the States, that shall adopt the Federal Constitution.
- 9th. To compleat the Federal Union—may the other seven strings, be added to the harp; supported by thirteen pillars, may their foundation be as lasting, as their harmony is pleasing.
- 10th. May the virtuous citizens of New-Hampshire be as forward in adopting the Constitution, as her military sons have been, in preparing themselves to defend her rights.
- 11th. May the timid opposers of the Federal Constitution, find advantage from the source that alarmed their fears.
- 12th. To the memory of the gallant General Montgomery,6 and other brave heroes, who fell in defence of American liberty.
- 13th. May the Federal Constitution last 'till every part of America is filled with happy inhabitants.

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