

## **Lancaster Celebration, 19 December 1787**

It is with pleasure I inform you, that the people here continue to be warmly federal. The new Constitution has the advantage of all great truths. The more it is examined, the more it is admired.

The inhabitants of our town, on the morning of the day their deputies in Convention were to return, fired a morning gun, and at twelve o'clock thirteen rounds were fired out of a piece of artillery belonging to the state. From that time, until night, all the bells in town were ringing. I never have been a witness of so much respect being paid by the people to their delegates, or of more general joy upon any occasion.

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