

Lycurgus , *Boston Gazette*, 19 November 1787

Mess'rs. Edes, I have a considerable time employ'd my few leisure hours in comparing the advantages of the proposed federal Constitution with the disadvantages of the same, in order to determine the propriety of *adopting* or rejecting it.—I had collected a considerable number of each, and flung them into opposite scales in order to observe the preponderation, a *long time in even scale the balance hung*, until I happened by mere chance to take up one *advantage*, which I had *overlooked* 'till then, and which I believe has been generally overlooked; which of *itself* would weigh down all the disadvantages which can possibly result from an adoption of the Constitution, *viz.* the permanency which it will give the *credit* of the funds of this Commonwealth—for till now our creditors have had no way to obtain the payment of their demands against the State; but have been glad to sell their securities for six or seven shillings on the pound. But now, sir, by the propos'd Constitution, a federal Supreme Judicial Court is to be established, at which they by indorsing their securities (which are all negotiable) to some name in some other State, or a foreigner, or bring forward an action for the recovery of their dues, and execution may be issued from said Court against the Commonwealth, to be levy'd on any estate, real or personal, within the same, which may be sold at public Auction for solid coin, and paid without any discount.

The adoption therefore, will be a greater blessing to this Commonwealth, than to have the riches of Peru, and the Indies transfer'd to it.

When this is fully weighed by the good people of this Commonwealth, it is not possible but they will *unanimously* instruct their Delegates in Convention to adopt it immediately.

Boston, Oct. 16.

Cite as: *The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution Digital Edition*, ed. John P. Kaminski, Gaspare J. Saladino, Richard Leffler, Charles H. Schoenleber and Margaret A. Hogan. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009.

Canonic URL: <http://rotunda.upress.virginia.edu/founders/RNCN-02-04-02-0003-0074> [accessed 14 Aug 2012]

Original source: Ratification by the States, Volume IV: Massachusetts, No. 1