

Tristram Dalton to Michael Hodge, Boston, 30 January 1788 (excerpts)

... This day Governor Hancock attended as President in Convention, and, if he may be depended on, he will give countenance to the proposed Constitution, which will carry a large majority in favor of it.... My love to your good family and mine, as I have not time to write Mrs. D., snatching a moment now while in a caucus. It is thought the grand question will be put tomorrow and determined on Saturday: perhaps it may be on Tuesday—great and important indeed the day on which the vote will be determined! I will tell you, as a confidential communication, that Mr. S. Adams will come out in favor of the Constitution. This and the Governor on the same side will settle the matter favorably. All this is scarcely known out of our caucus, wherein we work as hard as in convention...

T. D.

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