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A Boston newspaper, observes a correspondent, announces the arrival of a large sum of money from the southward, and that the rich and well-born in that state had contributed an additional sum, for the purpose of corrupting and bribing the members of their convention to vote for their scheme of power and office-making; as there appeared to be a majority against it. And later accounts inform us that part of that money had been applied in hiring a mob of sailors, & to surround the seats of the members of convention, and to hiss, hoot and intimidate the country members. That Mr. Gerry, (who had been admitted by a majority of two thirds of that body to take a seat among them to relate any facts which might be asked concerning the proceedings of the general convention) having been abused by Mr. Dana, he refused to attend.

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