

Rufus King to George Thatcher, Boston, 20 January 1788

I thank you for your favor by the last post—Our convention continues at about 330 Members, *Wegery* & Nason with the aid of Doctr. Taylor are the Champions of our Opponents—Mr. Turner from Scituate is with the Opposition, and General Thompson from the County of Lincoln is as loud as any of them against the Constitution—No question has been taken which can in any measure shew the Division of the House—The Opponents say they have a large and unalterable Majority; the Friends doubt their Opponents assertions, but do not appear entirely confident of their own Strength—The Issue is conjectural—I find that my own mind, notwithstanding its Doubts, balances in favor of the Idea that the constitution will be adopted—Hancock is still confined, or rather he has not yet taken his Seat; as soon as the majority is exhibited on either side I think his Health will suffer him to be abroad—

[P.S.] Our Brother Ben Lincoln died on Friday; his loss is important to the public, irreparable to his Family—

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