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It is said, that, among others, who will be chosen delegates to the Convention which is to meet at the statehouse in this town, in January next, to decide whether this state will adopt the plan of federal government, His Excellency JOHN HANCOCK, Esquire, OUR WORTHY CAPTAIN GENERAL, and the Honourable JAMES BOWDOIN, Esquire, are talked of. <It is sincerely hoped, says a correspondent, that they may be elected; as from the abilities, patriotism, and extensive influence of the former, joined to his high approbation of the plan of federal government, & the acknowledged worth and talents of the latter gentleman, as well as his firm and unremitting attachment to the welfare and happiness of his country, the publick have every thing to hope.>

The Reverend SAMUEL STILLMAN, we also hear is talked of as a delegate. His professed and firm attachment to the plan of federal government, will, without doubt, render him an object for the choice of his fellow-citizens on the important occasion.

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