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... An elegant repast being provided for the occasion in the senate-chamber, the Convention, and a great number of other gentlemen, partook thereof, and exhibited such marks of satisfaction, as fully evinced, that this joyful event would tend to give vigour and energy to our future continental administrations. After dinner the following toasts were drank, viz.

1. His excellency the president and convention of Massachusetts.
2. The president and members of the late continental convention.
3. The states that have adopted the federal constitution.
4. A speedy accession to the union by those states who are yet to deliberate upon the proposed constitution.
5. May the same candour, and liberality, which has so conspicuously distinguished the minority of Massachusetts, prevail thro' every state in the union.
6. May the United States of America be as distinguished for their increase in agriculture, arts and manufactures, as they are for their attachment to justice and the liberties of mankind.
7. The great and magnanimous ally of the United States of America—his most Christian majesty.
8. The United Netherlands.
9. May the States of America be the asylum of every distressed son of liberty, throughout the world.
10. May the flag of American commerce be displayed in every quarter of the globe.
11. May the landholders of America soon experience the happy effects intended by the proposed constitution.
12. May the nations of the world, who would be our rivals in trade, soon find their disap[p]ointment in the energy of our councils.
13. May peace, liberty, and safety, be the perpetual birthright of an American....

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