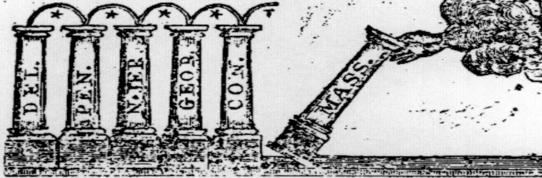
Massachusetts: The Sixth Pillar of the Great Federal Superstructure, 6 February 1788

States—like the gen'rous vine supported live,
The strength they gain is from th'embrace they giv
THE FEDERAL PILLARS.



A vessel arrived at Cape-Ann, after a short passage from Georgia, confirms the pleasing intelligence announced in our last, that that State has unanimously ratified the Federal Constitution. Thus is aFIFTH PILLAR added to the glorious sabrick. May Massachusetts rear the SIXTH.

As we predicted in our last, so it happened—Monday morning, was ushered in with the ringing of bells in this metropolis, on account of the pleasing intelligence received by Saturday night's mail, that the State of Connecticut had added a FOURTH PILLAR to that GRAND REPUBLICAN SUPERSTRUCTURE, the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

On 26 December 1787 Benjamin Russell of the *Massachusetts Centinel* used the metaphor of raised pillars in "a great FEDERAL SUPERSTRUCTURE" to describe the ratification of the Constitution by three states. On 16 January 1788, Russell revived and extended this metaphor by printing an illustration in his *Centinel*. Headed "THE FEDERAL PILLARS." The illustration also included a sixth pillar labeled "MASS.," which was in the process of being raised.

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