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The Printer acknowledges the receipt of “Observations on the Constitution proposed by the Convention,” under the signature of *Lucius*, with the note accompanying, and wishes to inform the writer, that as every gentleman who has published observations on the Constitution in his paper, is willing his name should be handed to the publick, if required; he shall not publish his remarks until he gives him the same liberty—as notwithstanding the absurdity and falshood with which they are pregnant, they may, if published, have an influence to deceive some, who supposing them to be the result of an honest enquiry of some friend to our country, may give them attention. The intimation in the note of this “hidden enemy,” that other Printers have published similar speculations, will not avail—the Printer is assured that meer inattention to the REAL designs of the writers of those remarks, occasioned their appearance:—And equally unavailing is the suggestion, that other Printers *will* insert them—he trusts their good sense will suggest to them the impropriety of permitting such casters of stumbling-blocks before the people, as dare not appear to defend their remarks, to impose on the publick, and also to refuse them a place;—but admitting the fact, the Printer has only to say, that “aiming thereby to be just,” he is determined not to give place to them, nor to like productions on the subject, except the writers leave with him their names, to be made publick if desired.

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