Walter Minto to the Earl of Buchan, New York, 28 October (excerpt)

Mr. [Phineas] Bond whom I saw lately in Philadelphia told me he had sent you a copy of our new Constitution. Pray how is it relished with you? There is great probability of its being adopted without bloodshed. Will not this be a singular thing in the history of mankind? There are three or four things in it that I do not like. Of these there is one which *must* be thrown out. What I refer to is the interference of Congress in the election of the representatives. What did the Convention mean by establishing that the congress should *make* & alter such regulations respecting the manner, times & places of electing representatives as the State legislatures should

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