

## ***New York Daily Advertiser, 18 February 1788***

On Saturday last, a number of respectable Citizens, celebrated at the Merchants' Coffee-house, the RATIFICATION of the NEW CONSTITUTION, by the State of Massachusetts. Several of the Honorable Members of Congress and the Mayor of the City, did them the honor of partaking of their repast; which in (the true republican style) consisted of only two articles—Beef and Salt Fish. The general joy which was diffused over every countenance on this occasion, was a decisive proof, that the conduct of Massachusetts would ensure the Ratification of this excellent Constitution, not only in this, but every other State of the Union.

After dinner the following TOASTS were drank, tinder the fire of Six Guns to each Toast, in honor of those States which had adopted the Constitution.

1st. The Constitution—may it prove the solid fabric of American Liberty, Prosperity and Glory.

2d. The Federal Convention—may their Virtue, Wisdom and Firmness, be deeply engraven on the hearts of their countrymen.

3d. The State of Delaware.

4th. The State of Pennsylvania.

5th. The State of New-Jersey.

6th. The State of Connecticut.

7th. The State of Georgia.

8th. The State of Massachusetts.

9th. May the Patriotic Declarations of the Minorities of Connecticut and Massachusetts, serve as an example throughout the Union.

10th. The Friends of the Constitution throughout the States.

11th. The State of New-York—may it soon become an additional Pillar to the new Roof.

12th. Union to the States, and confusion to the enemies of it.

13th. General Washington—may his Wisdom and Virtue preside in the Councils of his Country.

The utmost order and good humour prevailed throughout the whole of the entertainment; and about nine o'clock in the evening, the company broke up, under the impression, that those who had been opposed to the New Constitution in this State, would be convinced (after the candid and able discussion of it by their eastern neighbours) that their jealousies were ill-founded; and that their own reputation, as well as the welfare of the State, would be best promoted, by imitating the Patriotic Conduct of the Minority of Massachusetts.

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