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*Extract of a letter from Boston, June 17.*

“There seems to be a general infatuation here among the *magi*; the vulgar have caught it, so that there is no reasoning with them on the subject, though of the greatest importance. Ask any of them, *high* or *low*, whether they have any ill apprehensions from the adoption of the new system, they answer, without hesitation, *yes*; but they say, Congress will *certainly* make the proposed alterations. Ministers, lawyers, and merchants, made a large proportion of our convention, so that it is no great wonder that the people *at large* are so many of them *deluded*; yet, I believe, could the voice of the people in general be taken, a very large majority would be found in opposition to the proposed plan. Of this I am convinced from the frequent conversations I have had with farmers, &c.”

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