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Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman of Veracity in Fairfax County, Virginia, to his Friend in this Town, dated March 24, 1788.

...Great Electioneering has been practiced in this State, by the Antifederalists, especially in the back Counties, where the People are very illiterate, and have had little or no Information on the Subject.—Even the Temples of the Lord have been polluted on the Occasion, by public Declaimers entering the sacred Desks on Sundays, after divine Service, and thence dealing out their vile Declamations against the Constitution—and among other like Falshoods, telling the People that if the new Constitution was adopted the Officers of Congress would come and survey their best Farms for themselves, and if they refused to give them up, they would sue them in a Federal Court, in some extreme Part of the Continent—where, being unable to defend, they must lose their Estates: That their Sons will be pressed into the Army: That their Daughters will be ravished—and that every Species of personal Insult and Abuse will be offered them at Pleasure, without the Possibility of Redress. What will not wicked and unprincipled Men do and say to effect their infernal Purposes...

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