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A gentleman from Rhode-Island informs us, that the General Assembly of that state sat last week at South-Kingston, and adjourned, without taking any proceedure on the new Constitution—offering as a reason therefor, that it had already got to the *people* through the channels of newspapers, &c. and that the *people* might consider it as they thought best—and if they pleased to, might adopt it. Is this *conduct* suited to the dignity of the Legislature of a sovereign State? Or is it the “*loose*” proceeding of a time-serving assembly of mobmen?—*O shame, where is thy blush?*²