

Report of Committee Counting Yeas and Nays Upon the New Constitution, 3 April 1788

Whereas the following List and Report were presented unto this Assembly, to wit:

Newport,	Yeas 1	Nays 10	Exeter,	Yeas 6	Nays 142
Providence,	0	1	Bristol,	26	23
Warwick,	3	140	Tiverton,	23	92
Porsmouth,	12	60	Little-Compton,	63	57
Westerly,	12	56	Warren,	2	41
South-Kingstown,	1	125	Cumberland,	10	113
New-Shoreham,	0	32	Richmond,	1	68
North-Kingstown,	2	160	Hopkinton,	33	95
East-Greenwich,	2	91	Johnston,	2	79
Jamestown,	5	11	Cranston,	0	101
Smithfield,	2	158	Middletown,	6	40
Scituate,	0	156	North-Providence,	0	48
Glocester,	9	228	Barrington,	9	34
Coventry,	0	180	Foster,	0	177
West-Greenwich,	2	145		-----	-----
Charlestown,	6	51		238	2714
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We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Votes given by the Freemen of this State, agreeably to an Act of the General-Assembly passed at last Session, upon the Question whether the new proposed Constitution for the United States, be adopted by this State or not, beg Leave to Report, that we have examined the Yeas and Nays and find the Number of Yeas to be Two Hundred and Thirty-seven and the Number of Nays Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight, so that there is a Majority of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-one Nays.

Thomas Durfee,
John Sayles,
James Sheldon,
Shearjashub Committee
Bourne,
Gideon Arnold

Which being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted, And that his Honor the Deputy Governor (Daniel Owen), Jonathan J. Hazard, Thomas Joslin, and Rowse J. Helme, be appointed a Committee to draft a Letter to the President of Congress, inclosing the aforesaid Returns.