

**George Washington to James Madison, Mount Vernon, 10 January 1788
(excerpts)**

...How far the determination of the question before the debating club (of which I made mention in a former letter) may be considered as auspicious of the final decision in Convention, I shall not prognosticate; but in this Club, this question it seems, was determined by a very large majority in favor of the Constitution; but of all the arguments which may be used at this time, none will be so forcible, I expect, as that nine States have acceded to it.—and if the unanimity, or majorities in those which are to follow, are as great as in those which have acted, the power of these arguments will be irresistable...

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