Timothy Pickering to John Pickering, Philadelphia, 29 December 1787 (excerpt)

... You will have seen by the News-papers that the Delaware & Jersey States have unanimously adopted the New federal constitution; & Pennsylvania by a majority of 46 to 23: The convention consisting of 69 members. The minority were of that party in this state who are called Constitutionalists, from which party alone all the opposition has proceeded but many of the wisest & best of the Constitutionalists have on this occasion joined the Republicans in this state, who to a man are federalists...