...the warm advocates and patrons of the system in convention, *strenuously opposed* the *choice* of the senators by the *State legislatures*, *insisting* that the State governments ought not to be introduced in any manner so as to be *component parts of*, or *instruments for carrying into execution*, the general government—Nay, so far were the friends of the system from pretending that they meant it or considered it as a *federal* system, that on the question being proposed, “that a union of the States, merely federal, ought to be the sole object of the exercise of the powers vested in the convention:” it was negatived by a majority of the members, and it was resolved, “that a *national* government ought to be formed”—afterwards the word “*national*” was struck out by them, because they thought the word might tend to *alarm*—and although now, they who *advocate* the system, pretend to call themselves *federalists*, in convention the distinction was just the reverse; those who *opposed* the system, were there considered and stiled the *federal party*, those who *advocated* it, the *antifederal*. Viewing it as a *national*, not a *federal* government, as calculated and designed not to *protect* and *preserve*, but to *abolish* and *annihilate* the State governments,...