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Extract of a letter from Dr. Price to a gentleman in this city, dated Hackney, near London, June 16.

“I rejoice in the probability there is of the establishment among them of an energetic federal government, and I hope that by this time the new constitution has been adopted by a majority that will be sufficient to bear down opposition, and to engage the acquiescence of all the most wise and virtuous part of the states. No society can prosper, if, after a fair discussion, the minority will not submit to the decisions of the majority. The wise and virtuous must see this, and be guided by it. I admire in this instance Dr. Franklin’s conduct—It has been worthy of himself.—The conduct, likewise, of the minority in the state of Massachusetts seems to have done them great credit. In Pennsylvania the minority have acted upon a different principle; but I hope they will see the unreasonableness of their conduct, and not endeavour to disturb the public peace. I think with Mr. Adams pretty much on the subject of government, and cannot but approve of the new Constitution as fundamentally right …”

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