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A circular letter is handing about the country, recommending a kingly government for these states—The writer proposes to send to England for the Bishop of Osnaburgh, second son of the king of Great-Britain, and have him crowned KING over this continent. We have found by experience, says he, that we have not wit enough to govern ourselves—that all our declamation and parade about Republicanism, Liberty, Property and the Rights of Man, are mere stuff and nonsense, and that it is high time for us to tread back the wayward path we have walked in these twelve years. This plan, we are told, gains friends and partisans rapidly, and it surely is necessary for the great body of the people to be on their guard.—The Federal Convention may save us from this worst of all curses (A ROYAL GOVERNMENT) if we are only wise enough to adopt their recommendations when they shall be communicated to us.

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