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Massachusetts Centinel, 18 August 1787

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*On reading in a late Centinel, of Gov. CLINTON's
insurgency and anti-federalism.*

Since late events his *schemes* disclose,
That Clinton should *Dan. Shays* oppose,¹
To save *one* State—what was the reason?
But this—he hop'd, though all unseen,
HIMSELF to wreck the *whole* THIRTEEN,
Without a *partner* in the *Treason*.

1. In March 1787, in response to an appeal from Massachusetts General Benjamin Lincoln, Governor Clinton personally took command of New York militia and cooperated with Lincoln in suppressing Shaysites who had crossed over into New York.

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