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The United States of America, says a Correspondent, now exhibit to the World a most unusual Spectacle—that of a great and numerous People, calmly and deliberately, in Time of Peace, unawed by Arms, and uninfluenced by Party Faction, appointing their wisest and best Men to form a Constitution of Government, adequate to the great Purposes of the general Confederacy, and most productive of the Prosperity, Felicity, Safety and Welfare of the Whole. It would hardly have been credible in Europe, or in any Part of the old World, that States so different in their Situation, Extent, Habits, and particular Interests, would have so far divested themselves of all Jealousy and Apprehensions of mischievous Consequences, as to have fallen in with a Measure, which Minds less enlarged than those of the Americans in general would have supposed tended to shake to Pieces the former Constitution, and to give Opportunity for Cabal and Faction, to enterprize their own Purposes. . . .

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