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An Honest Man

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Mr. PRINTER, I am a labouring man, and therefore can hope for nothing in this world but to get my living by industry; but I feel a concern for the publick good, as well as those in higher station. A great deal has been written about the new constitution—Now I will, once for all, speak my mind plainly,—which is, that we do now adopt the constitution, and chuse mr. *Adams*, (an old tried patriot,) for a senator, and mr. *Gerry* (who thinks some amendments should be made) for a representative, in the new Congress;¹ and I don't doubt they will alter what may want mending, and all the people be satisfied.—Think of this, good folks!

1. Samuel Adams was defeated for election to the U.S. House of Representatives, while Gerry was elected to that body.

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