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A correspondent observes, that this is a period of momentous concern,—to be a united nation of importance, or petty anarchies is now the question.—The inefficacy of our present government is fully proved by the incroachments on our commerce, the decline of national honour, and the confusion pervading *every* State. Thus matured in knowledge by painful experience we are called on to adopt a system, produced and organized by the deliberations of men whose virtues and abilities will be an immortal honour to America.—Should any state reject this salutary system, unbiassed posterity will consign their names to an infamous immortality,—should it be rejected by the union it will involve in consequences the most fatal—some bold usurpers will establish governments for us pregnant with all the evils of the most abject slavery.

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