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Marquis de Lafayette to Thomas Jefferson Nemours, France, c. 25 December 1787 (excerpt)

Inclosed, My dear friend, I Send You the Proposed Constitution which I have Received on My Way. What do You think of the Powers of the President? I am affraid that our friends are gone a little too far on the other Side—But Suppose it is the Case, and General Washington is the President, I know him too well not to think He will find the danger, and lessen the authority Before He goes over. Adieu, my dear Sir—pray write me Your opinion on this Constitution; I Confess those Presidential Powers Seem to me too Great. . . .

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