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Circular letters, it is confidently asserted, have been sent to most of the counties and many townships from Cumberland, to request persons to meet at Harrisburg in September, for the purpose of procuring certain alterations in the fœderal government. Though we cannot think any citizen in the smallest degree censurable for pursuing measures, which he may think necessary or proper, yet the secrecy of this measure, and the omission of such circular letters to the townships in our vicinity and to this city, has a very improper appearance. There is *a fear of open discussion*, and *a depth of manœvering*, which we hope will have *a serious effect* upon the minds of the good people of Pennsylvania. It is evidently calculated to affect the ensuing election. Let the friends of just government and of the peace and happiness of Pennsylvania *not sleep upon the watch*.

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