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William Shippen, Jr., to Thomas Lee Shippen Philadelphia, 2 September 1788 (excerpt)

. . . There is a great convention now sitting at Harrisburgh on the Susquehannah, compos'd of antifederalists from every county—Blair McClenahan is gone from philad. county & George Bryan & Charles Pettit from the city—their business is to agree upon & recommend such alterations as they may think necessary & there is so respectable a minority in every state that I think one of the first acts of the new Government will be to propose a general convention of the people to make these necessary alterations—till when the minds of a great part of the U States will not be easy.—To effect this measure I am apt to think at our next election the Constitutionals will prevail.—General [Thomas] Mifflin is to be our next president.—Our Assembly met this morning & [Thomas] Lloyd takes down their debates in short hand—I will preserve them for you. . . .

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