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Richard Peters to George Washington Philadelphia, 17 September 1788 (excerpt)

. . . Our Antifederalists have changed their Battery. They are now very federal. They want Amendments & they must get into the Seats of Government to bring them about—or what is better—to share the Loaves & fishes.—Their Harrisburg Convention have agreed to submit to & support the Government, & some of them, like the moderate Men & converted Tories formerly, now make up in Sound what they want in Patriotism. In short their Convention was a mere Election Jobb & no Harm is to be expected from it except they get into the Government which in the whole cannot be prevented. When they have got warm in their Seats they will, as it always happens in such Cases, find it their Interest to support a Government in which they are Sharers tho' they may make a little Bustle ad captandum.¹ . . .

1. Latin: capturing popular favor. Often used to describe an argument directed chiefly at the emotions.

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