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A Despiser of Demagogues, Would-be-ats, and Wheelbarrow-men, *Pennsylvania Mercury* 20 September 1788 (excerpt)

Mr. Humphreys, Some of your correspondents, in your last Thursday's paper, observes that our Constitution calls for the men of most wisdom and virtue to be put in government—but seems to think this was not attended to in forming the upper house at Harrisburg. The gentleman should remember that only means when the characters are questionable. We sent two gentlemen, or they rather sent themselves, who knew they were the very men the Constitution points out; and further, that they are well qualified for the new government, being able to say, as David said of Golia[t]h's sword, there are none like themselves [1 Samuel 21:8–10]—and to come forward, without the assistance of a priest, save a friendly shove from the one near College Green. They are good natured gentlemen; for if you will assure them they shall be dog, they care not who shall be miller.—To obtain this object it matters not much whether we cry out for a bill of rights or a bill of wrongs.

Your correspondent further remarks, that the city of Philadelphia only sent to Harrisburg a little finger—but let him take care that it be not nearly related to the little finger of Rehoboam, for it intends by hook or crook, to grow as big as a lion. Be this as it may, there was no need to make this affair too public, when the case was so clear—You know, Sir, that secrecy is the life of trade in some cases; and these gentlemen understand this, for there are few that know them, who will deny, that both nature and necessity have formed them to govern. . . .

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