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A correspondent informs us, that from the general temper of the farmers and the complexion of the Assembly, it is almost certain that we will have another convention in a legal constitutional manner called in this state, for amending the proposed Constitution, and annexing a bill of rights thereto. We may expect a power of petitions will be laid before the Assembly (at their sitting next month) for this purpose.¹ What a pleasure, adds he, must it give to every friend to order and good government that we have so easy a method of accommodating such an important business to the satisfaction of all classes of citizens, and thereby prevent much disorder, confusion, and anarchy.

1. On 4 January, William Shippen, Jr., reported that "There will be much opposition in the western part of the state, and numerous petitions to the next Assembly to call a new convention to reconsider the Constitution."

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