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George Washington to James Madison Mount Vernon, Fairfax Co., Va., 7 December 1787 (excerpt)

. . . “In a debating society here, which meets once a week, this subject has been canvassed at two successive meetings, and is to be finally decided on tomorrow evening.—As the whole Assembly almost has attended on these occasions, their opinion will then be pretty well ascertained.—And as the opinion on this occasion will have much influence, some of Colo. Innis’s friends have obtained a promise from him to enter ye lists

“I am informed both by Genl. Wilkinson (who is just arrived from New Orleans by way of No. Carolina) and Mr Ross, that North Carolina is almost unanimous for adopting it. . . .”

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