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The Rhode Island General Assembly Considers the Report of the Constitutional
Convention

Motion in the Assembly to Call a State Convention 3 November 1787

The following is a copy of a motion made at the last session of our Assembly by Henry Marchant, Esq. with the certificate of the Clerk of the decision of the House thereon:

Moved,

“That copies of the doings of the late Honourable Convention at Philadelphia, recommending a Constitution for the United States of America, be printed and sent to the respective Town Clerks within this State; that town meetings be directed to be called upon the day of next, then and there to appoint Delegates in the same manner as they appoint members for the Lower House of the General Assembly for May and October sessions; That said Delegates meet in Convention at on the day of that they then and there appoint a Chairman and Secretary, and proceed to take into consideration the said Constitution so as above recommended, and to determine thereon as proposed, and forward the result of their deliberations sealed up and directed to the Honourable the Congress of the United States.”

In the Lower House, November 3d, 1787.

This motion is rejected,

R. J. HELME, Clerk.

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