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

An Act for Reprinting the Doings of the Federal Convention, 3 November 1787

State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, October Session, 1787.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the Convention, lately held at Philadelphia, proposing a new Constitution for the United States of America, be printed as soon as may be: That the following Number of Copies¹ be sent to the several Town-Clerks in the State, to be distributed among the Inhabitants, that the Freemen may have an Opportunity of forming their Sentiments of the said proposed Constitution, *to wit*: For Newport 10,² Portsmouth 25, Middletown 15, New-Shoreham 15, Jamestown 16, Tiverton 40, Little-Compton 36, Providence 10, Smithfield 75, Scituate 55, Foster 55, Glocester 60, Cumberland 40, Cranston 50, Johnston 30, North-Providence 20, Westerly 31, North-Kingstown 50, South-Kingstown 100, Charlestown 25, Richmond 25, Exeter 31, Hopkinton 30, Bristol 20, Warren 10, Barrington 10, Warwick 56, East-Greenwich 25, West-Greenwich 22, and Coventry 30.

A true Copy:

Witness,

HENRY WARD, *Sec'ry.*

1. The draft resolution ordered that 1,000 copies be printed. The number allotted to the towns (listed below) was 1,017. John Carter of the *Providence Gazette*, the printer of the broadside, submitted a bill for printing 1,030.

2. The draft resolution had "50" copies for Newport, but "50" was deleted and replaced by "10."

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