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

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A gentleman from Rhode-Island informs us, that the General Assembly of that state sat last week at South-Kingston, and adjourned, without taking any proceedure on the new Constitu-tion—offering as a reason therefor, that it had already got to the *people* through the channels of newspapers, &c. and that the *people* might consider it as they thought best—and if they pleased to, might adopt it. Is this *conduct* suited to the dignity of the Legislature of a sovereign State? Or is it the “*loose*” proceeding of a time-serving assembly of mobmen?—O *shame, where is thy blush?*<sup>1</sup>

1. William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, Act III, scene 4, line 81.

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