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A new STROKE of POLICY.

We hear, says a Correspondent, that the Town of —— is to meet on —— Day of this Month, for the Purpose of determining, in *one Afternoon*, the Merits of a System of Federal Government, which employed the Talents of a Convention of the ablest Politicians from 12 States, four Months unremitting Attention to frame—the thorough Investigation of which cost the numerous and very learned Convention of Massachusetts, four Weeks incessant Application and unwearied Labour.

QUERY.—Would it not have been great Policy as well as Economy, for the United States to have employed the Sages of that *little* Town to have furnished the necessary Form of energetic Continental Government?

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