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A Countryman V (Hugh Hughes), New York Journal 22 January 1788 (excerpts)

... Should the new constitution be sufficiently corrected *by a substantial* bill of rights, an equitable representation, ... and relinquishing every idea of drenching the bowels of Africa in gore, for the sake of enslaving its freeborn innocent inhabitants, I imagine we might become a happy and respectable people. ... I have no idea of being gladiator to any man or body of men whatever; nor marching 500 or 1000 miles to quell an insurrection of such emigrants as are proposed by the new constitution, to be introduced for one and twenty years. ...

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