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Mr. WHEELER, A Number of black Inhabitants of Providence, pleased with the Prospect of a Stop being put to the Trade to Africa in our Fellow-Creatures, by the Adoption of the Federal Constitution, met on the 4th Instant, in Celebration of that happy Event—and after Dining on the Product of their own Industry, drank the following Toasts—which you are desired to publish.

1. The Nine States that have adopted the Federal Constitution.
2. May the Natives of Africa enjoy their natural Privileges unmolested.
3. May the Freedom of our unfortunate Countrymen (who are wearing the Chains of Bondage in different Parts of the World) be restored to them.
4. May the Event we this Day celebrate enable our Employers to pay us in hard Cash for our Labour.
5. The Merchants and others who take the Lead in recommending Restoration of Equity and Peace.
6. His Excellency General WASHINGTON.
7. The Humane Society of Philadelphia.
8. Hon. JOHN BROWN, Esq;
9. May Unity prevail throughout all Nations.

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