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Though there is very little opposition to the proposed foederal constitution in South-Carolina, it appears that a principal ground of objection with its opponents there is, that it will finally invest the foederal legislature with a power to regulate or prevent the importation of slaves. The Minority of Pennsylvania, who were always friends to the abolition of negro slavery, and the states of Rhode-Island and Massachusetts, who consider slaves as freed by coming into their jurisdiction, can never expect to agree with the gentlemen in Carolina, who oppose on such principles.

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