

## **Description of the New York City Federal Procession published in the New York *Daily Advertiser*, 2 August 1788 (edited)**

*In honor of the Constitution of the United States.*

To testify the animated joy of the Citizens of New-York upon finding the Federal Constitution of Government ratified by a sufficient number of States to make it operative, it was determined . . . they should so appear in procession as to demonstrate to the world, the pleasure, that in consequence of this event, had pervaded all ranks and degrees of the community. . . .

About ten o'clock 13 guns were fired from the Federal Ship Hamilton, being the signal for the Procession to move. . . . It now set out . . . in the following order:

Horsemen with trumpets.  
Company of Artillery and field piece.

After these the whole Procession was marshalled into ten divisions.

### **First Division.**

Foresters with axes.  
A plough drawn by 6 oxen.  
Two men sowing grain.  
A harrow drawn by 2 oxen and 2 horses.  
A number of gentlemen farmers.  
A new invented threshing machine.  
United States' Arms.  
A Band of Music.  
Taylors.  
Adam and Eve represented naked, excepting fig leaves for aprons.  
General Washington nearly in full stature.  
The federal eagle.  
The flag.  
Measurers of Grain.  
Two ships, one discharging salt, and the other taking in grain.  
A store, with a merchant.  
A French.  
Millers.  
Inspectors of Flour.  
Bakers.  
Brewers.  
Distillers.

### **Second Division.**

Coopers.

Butchers.  
Tanners and Curriers.  
Skinners, Breeches Makers and Glovers.

**Third Division.**

Cordwainers.

**Fourth Division.**

Carpenters.  
Furriers.  
Hatters.  
Peruke makers and Hair dressers.  
Artificial Florists.

**Fifth Division.**

White Smiths.  
Cutlers.  
Confectioners.  
Stone Masons.  
Brick Layers.  
Painters and Glaziers Flag.  
Cabinet-makers.  
Windsor and Rush Chair-makers.  
Ivory Turners, and Musical Instrument makers.  
Drum Makers.  
Upholsterers.  
Lace and Fringe Weavers.  
Paper Stainers.  
Civil Engineers

**Sixth Division.**

Ship Wrights Flag.  
Black Smiths and Nailors.  
Ship Joiners.  
Boat Builders.  
Block and Pump makers.  
Sail makers.  
Riggers.

**Seventh Division.**

FEDERAL [ship woodcut] SHIP HAMILTON. Drawn by ten horses.  
Pilot Boat.  
Pilots.  
Marine Society.

Society and strangers, masters of vessels, four a-breast.  
Printers, Book-Binders and Stationers.

**Eighth Division.**

Cartmen.  
Horse Doctors.  
Mathematical Instrument makers.  
Carvers and Engravers.  
Coach and Coach Harness makers.  
Copper Smiths.  
Tin Plate Workers.  
Pewterers.  
Gold and Silver Smiths.  
Potters.  
The Chocolate Makers Device.  
Tobacconists.  
Dyers.  
Brush Makers.  
Tallow Chandlers.  
Sadlers, Harness and Whip Makers.

**Ninth Division.**

The Philological Society.  
[Columbia] University.  
Merchants and Traders.

**Tenth Division.**

Physicians, Strangers and Gentlemen.  
Porters.  
Artillery and Field Piece.

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