

An Admirer of Anti-Federal Men, *New York Daily Advertiser*, 26 July 1787

—STAND FIRM, AND HAVE A JEALOUS EYE.

...In times of public danger, every citizen has a right, and should make it a duty, to come forward, and lend an aiding hand. The present period is pregnant with the most important consequences to this country. A confidence in those illustrious characters, which form the grand convention, now sitting, will have the most salutary effect.—The united wisdom of America is now forming a government adequate to the wants of our rising empire. Receive it, then, with gratitude: if it should seem deficient, proper alterations will be made, until it is rendered agreeably to the interests of the several states.—A WASHINGTON, surely, will never stoop to tarnish the lustre of his former actions, by having an agency in any thing capable of reflecting dishonor on himself or his countrymen:—and the philosophical FRANKLIN would not be guilty of embarking in any undertaking, which appeared futile and unnecessary. Rest assured, therefore, that those worthies, in conjunction with many others, have the good of America at heart.

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