

**Phineas Bond to the Marquis of Carmarthen Philadelphia, 3 March 1788
(excerpt)**

... The Convention of Massachusetts Bay, having ratified the federal Constitution, six States have now adopted it—every other State, my Lord, Rhode Island alone excepted, has nominated a Convention; and there seems every Prospect, at present, of a Recognition of 12 States of the 13.—It will be a fortunate Thing for this Country, and for those, whose Interests are connected with it, to enjoy a System of Government whose Energy may correct the present relaxed Situation of the Laws, and restore public Faith & private Credit.—

In some Parts of America, my Lord, particularly in the Southern States, the Rights of British Subjects are most severely oppressed; and no means of immediate Redress presents itself. ...

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