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Be it remembered, that on Thursday the 20th instant the representatives of the people of the State of New Jersey, in Convention assembled, did assent to and ratify the Constitution and frame of government of the United States, as recommended by the late Federal Convention, without a single dissenting voice after nine days' deliberation.

A correspondent informs us that, notwithstanding the dispatch of the Convention, many supposed exceptions were agitated; but that the Honorable Judge [David] Brearly, with a perspicuity of argument and persuasive eloquence which carried conviction with it, bore down all opposition.

Many people look upon the adoption of the new Constitution as the millennium of virtue and wealth; indeed its auspicious dawn augurs much, but it should be remembered that much depends on our own conduct.

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