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On Monday last the Rev. Dr. Colin delivered a sermon in the Swedish Church, from the following words, "If I forget thee, O! Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning, if I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Psalm [1]37, verses 5 and 6. In this discourse the Doctor enforced the duty, and displayed the advantages of PATRIOTISM in a most elegant and original manner, and concluded by taking notice of the present happy situation of the United States in the adoption of the Fœderal government.

Before and after the sermon several fœderal odes, which had been previously set to music, were performed by a band, accompanied by voices. The whole of this sacred and patriotic entertainment was conducted in such a manner as to give the highest pleasure to a crouded and respectable audience. Too much praise cannot be given to the Rev. Dr. Colin, for this contribution to the order and happiness of the United States, in addition to many others which he has given during the late controversy upon the subject of the fœderal government.

1. Both paragraphs were reprinted in nine newspapers by 27 August: Mass. (1), Conn. (1), N.Y. (3), Pa. (3), Va. (1). The *New Hampshire Spy*, 19 August, reprinted the first paragraph and only the first sentence of the second paragraph. Between 6 August and 2 October 1787 the Philadelphia *Independent Gazetteer* published twenty-nine unnumbered essays supporting the Constitution signed by "Foreign Spectator." The author of the series was the Reverend Nicholas Collin, the pastor of Philadelphia's Old Swedes Church.

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