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David Ramsay to John Eliot Charleston, S.C., 19 January 1788 (excerpt)

. . . Our Assembly is now sitting & the foederal constitution has been discussed before them for the sake of informing the country members. There appears a great majority for it. Indeed it seems to be a prevailing sentiment here that if Virginia & her neighbors should refuse it that we would confoederate with New England. For my part I am fully of that sentiment I would much rather be united with Massachusetts New Hampshire & Connecticut than with North Carolina, Virginia & Maryland. My first wish is union but if that cannot be my second is a confoederation with the eastern & middle states. I trust it will be universally accepted. One thing is certain that I shall live under it if I live & if it ever operates. . . .

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