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Samuel Blachley Webb to Catherine Hogeboom New York, 17 February 1788

The letter which accompanies this will convince you I have not been remiss in writing; I did not send it to the office, intending Major Popham should have committed it to the care of Mr. Rensaler; he left town without my knowledge, and on Wednesday Evening we received the pleasing intelligence that Massachusetts had ratified the new Constitution. Your humble servant was one of a Committee to conduct the celebration of that important event; this will, I trust apologize for letting, a second Post pass, without my letter. On Thursday the usual marks of Joyfull approbation were given by firing of Cannon, displaying a Standard, form'd for the occasion &c, &c, and yesterday the principle Gentlemen of the Town & members of Congress dined together at the Coffee-house,—the consequence is, that I am afflicted with a bad cold and Head-Ache. Were you here I am persuaded you would call me a Rake—this on great occasions, where the mind is seriously engaged will sometimes be the case, but I have't a doubt, my fair friend will make every allowance,—probably both your and my future happiness is depending upon the issue of this business,—however it is not my intention to enter into a political correspondence with my *Petticoat Philosopher*.

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