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Federalists and Antifederalists

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The following comparison of the characters and conduct of the Tories and the Antifederal junto may serve to show that they are animals of the same breed, and should be equally despised by all true friends to their country.

1st. The principal Tories were *officers of government*—so are the Antifederalists: witness, Messrs. [George] Bryan, J[onathan] B[ayard] Smith, [John] Nicholson, etc.

2d. The Tories said, the *time* for opposing Great Britain was not come—the Antifederalists say, “more time for considering the new government is necessary than is allowed by the resolves of the Assembly.”

3d. The Tories said our grievances were all *imaginary* in the year 1776—the Antifederalists say the same of the defects of our present governments and of the universal distress and complaints of the people.

4th. The Tories tried to prevent an appeal to the people by calling a convention to form a new government in Pennsylvania in the year 1776—the Antifederalists are trying every art to prevent an *appeal to the people* to alter the present constitution of Pennsylvania so as to make it fit the new federal government.

5th. The Tories despised the proceedings of conventions and town meetings and called them nothing but *mobs*—the Antifederalists despise the Convention of the United States and call the petitions and resolves of our citizens the acts of mobs and fools.

6th. The Tories thought they alone were inspired with a knowledge in government—the Antifederalists entertain the same exalted opinion of themselves.

7th. The Tories were deserted by all their friends who were honest—the Antifederalists, in like manner, have been deserted by the party which they once led and now stand alone like four or five dead and rotten trees in an old field.

It is to be hoped the Antifederalists will end their career as some of the Tories, whom they resemble in so many particulars, have done, viz.—in poverty—in exile—or in that state of *dependence* which is inflicted upon treason in Pennsylvania.

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