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The *consols* or anti-republicans, who have assumed to themselves the appellation of *federalists*, observes a correspondent, still continue to display their mean weapons of falsehood, deception and detraction, in order farther to cajole and betray the honest yeomanry of our country into the horrid fangs of the new leviathan of power. For this purpose, paragraphs and extracts of letters, having no foundation on facts, are constantly formed, fabricated, and published in the various newspapers, stiled *federal*. . . .

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