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Comte de Moustier to Comte de Montmorin New York, 25 December 1788

The revolution, which has taken place in the form of government of the United States, will not produce, without a doubt, at least immediately, all the results which the party distinguished by the name federalist, has hoped for from it, after the main object, to which it seemed to aspire to, which was from a real Union of a true consolidation between all the states, who were the *confederated* states rather than the *united* states.

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