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## James Manning to Isaac Backus Providence, R.I., 31 October 1787 (excerpts)

Lordsday last I returned from New York and have had a most agreeable tour—We had a very agreeable Association, as you will learn by the minutes, which I herewith inclose you. . . . It is my request & that of other friends that the Minutes should be read publicly in all the Congregations, not only that the people at large may be acquainted with this design; but that by the notice taken of the new form of the federal Governmt.; recommended by the Convention, our friends in New England may see the remarkable Unanimity of our western Brethren in the Adoption of it—It is the general opinion wt: our friends westrd that the Sword will soon be again Stained with Civil blood, if it is not adopted—Probably your interest may place one, at least in the Convention who may be for it. . . .

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