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Meeting of Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches *New York Packet*, 12 October 1787

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

Last week the BAPTIST Churches belonging to the middle States, convened in association in this city. After finishing the particular business on which they met as a *religious* body, it was agreed to incorporate with their general circular letter, the following recommendation to their people of the proposed plan of the *Fœderal Government*—which has been handed to the Printers by a correspondent, and redounds much to their honor as a society.

After congratulating their brethren on the great increase of their churches the year past—they proceed, “we also congratulate you on the kind interposition of Divine Providence visible in that happy unanimity which obtained among the members of the late Fœderal Convention, to agree upon, and report to the States in this union, a form of Fœderal Government, which promises, on its adoption, to rescue our dear country from that national dishonor, injustice, anarchy, confusion and bloodshed, which have already resulted from the weakness and inefficiency of the *present* form, and which we have the greatest reason to fear is but the beginning of sorrows, unless the people lay hold on this favourable opportunity offered to establish an EFFICIENT government; which, we hope may, under God, secure our invaluable rights, both civil and religious, and which it will be in the power of the great body of the people, if hereafter found necessary, to controul and amend.”

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