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From Correspondents

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It is notorious (says a Correspondent) that the *Federalists*, as they are pleased to call themselves, are ashamed of a cause, in favor of which, they have discovered so much insolence; and to support which, they can use no arguments but those which are destructive of every principle of Republicanism.

The promulgation of Doctor RUSH's INSPIRED SYSTEM,¹ has brought forth in almost all the abilities of this State. — The Hon. Mr. A—s [Samuel Adams], by persevering in his scepticism may possibly damn his well-deserved Fame, acquired in a long course of patriotism — But altho' he opposes the *IMMEDIATE HAND OF HEAVEN*, we cannot but admire the consistency of his character in adhering to his old principle of Republicanism. — Nothing, surely, but the *Hand of GOD* could so completely have changed the tone of the pious and enlightened Clergy of this Commonwealth, who were formerly so vehement in their addresses in favour of the Liberties of mankind on very different principles from those on which the *Divine Code* before us was founded.

1. On 12 December Benjamin Rush asserted in the Pennsylvania Convention that “the hand of God was employed” in drafting the Constitution as much “as that God had divided the Red Sea to give a passage to the children of Israel, or had fulminated the ten commandments from Mount Sinai!” Rush's speech was widely reported and denounced by many.

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