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Constitution as an Instrument of National Salvation

Berkeley County, Va., Meeting, 28 September 1787

At meeting of a respectable number of the inhabitants of Berkeley county, it was unanimously resolved,

1st. That it is the opinion of the gentlemen now met, that the United States are under the greatest obligation to the members of the late memorable Convention, for their assiduity and perseverance in accomplishing a plan of federal government.

2d. That two of the gentlemen now present do wait upon the clergymen of this county, of all persuasions, and request them to prepare a sermon, to be preached at their different places of worship, on a sabbath that they shall think proper to appoint, to return thanks, in an especial manner, to Almighty God, for inspiring the members of the late Convention with wisdom, amity and unanimity, to form a federal government, with so great judgment and sound policy, under so many and various interests.

3d. That it is the opinion of the meeting, that every friend to America ought, and will contribute all in his power, to establish and support the federal government proposed by the late Convention, as it appears sufficient and well adopted to secure peace, liberty and safety to the citizens of the United States.

Done at Martinsburg,
Sept. 28, 1787

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