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William Cranch to John Quincy Adams Boston, 22, 27 January 1788 (excerpts)

. . . Our Governor the President, has not yet been able to attend. It is supposed by some people that he has not declared his opinion upon the subject yet because, he wishes first to know, on which side the majority will be. but now he begins to favour the Constitution because he hears that the majority is like to be upon that side. If he should come out fully in favour of it, it is the general opinion that his popularity will draw a large majority in its train. Had I time I would endeavour to give you some account of the debates; But I suppose that you will read a much better in the Newspaper. . . .

Yours In Æternum

[P.S.] I send a letter which came by Capt Folgier.¹

1. Captain Folgier of the ship *Rebecca* had just returned from London to which he had sailed in July 1787. The letter was probably Adams's mother Abigail's 12 October letter to him.

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