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Thomas Russell to John Langdon Boston, 30 January 1788

As you requested me to give my sentiments, whether the Advocates for the proposed Constitution of the United States of America, Increased or not, in convention, it is with pleasure I tell you, that I have reason to believe converts to this Excellent System, are daily making, I have no doubt this moment, of a decided majority in favour of it—Governor Hancock took his Seat in Convention as president this day—if he Appears Openly in favour of the Federal System, there will be I care say a handsome majority in favour of the question, in which Event, he will in my opinion do himself [famous?], and gain a great many Friends—to morrow the debates on the several Sections of the Constitution will be finished when it will be taken up at large, which probably will take three or four days—I expect by Tuesday next this business will be completed¹—God grant, we may be the sixth State that Ratifies the Federal System, and that your State may be the seventh, on which I hope soon to Congratulate you—please to make my regards Acceptable to Mrs. Langdon—and give your Charming Daughter a Kiss for me—

1. On Wednesday, 6 February, Convention delegate Russell wrote Langdon that “It is with Infinite satisfaction, I tell you, the grand question was this day, gained by a majority of 19 In favour of the Federal Constitution. I congratulate you upon it, hope soon to hear your State adopt this Excellent System.”

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