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Elbridge Gerry to the President of the Massachusetts Convention, Cambridge, Mass., 15 January 1788

I was honored last evening, with a vote of the honorable Convention by the hands of their Committee, requesting me “to take a seat in the house to answer any question of *fact*, from time to time, that the Convention may want to ask respecting the passing of the constitution” & I shall in compliance with their request wait on that honorable body, this afternoon if possible, & continue with them during their Session.

I have the honor to be Sir with the highest respect for the Convention & yourself

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