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. . . The introduction of mr. G — to the convention, cannot be considered by the friends to the constitution as an *inauspicious* event. The utmost that can be expected by the *anti-federalists* from him, is, an *amplification* of the reasons he has already published; for as to any matters of fact, it is not probable he can be possessed of the knowledge of any, which are not EQUALLY well known to those gentlemen of the delegation who are LEGAL members of convention [Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King, and Caleb Strong]: and to suppose that they would *not* communicate *every circumstance* that could conduce to an elucidation of the GREAT SUBJECT, conveys an idea that I presume no man will suggest.

If, says a correspondent, the force of truth, reason, eloquence, and the most sublime rhetorical abilities, were ever influential, the friends of the new constitution have every reason to hope a happy issue to the debates of our state convention; for, never, in any assembly, were greater geniuses in politicks, or men more famed for oratory, than many who now have seats in that august body.

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