

## ARCHITECTURAL

### ARCH

The Massachusettensian PILLAR is *reared*:—But as the *arch* which will connect it with those already erected, is not *yet* sprung; we have it not in our power to announce its ESTABLISHMENT as one of the SUPPORTERS of the FEDERAL SUPERSTRUCTURE—but, in our next, we hope to do it fully.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 6 February 1788 (RCS MASS., 1579)



The accounts from Maryland and South-Carolina, says a correspondent, are so favorable to the adoption of the proposed foederal constitution, that the question now only is, which member of the old confederacy will put the key-stone to the arch of the new.

*Pennsylvania Gazette*, 30 April 1788 (CC 5, 4II; RCS SUPPL. MD., #75, p. 45)

### BEAUTEOUS DOME

Soon o'er the *whole*, shall swell the beauteous DOME,  
COLUMBIA's boast—and FREEDOM's hallow'd home.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 2 August 1788 (RCS N.Y., 2439)



The GREAT PALLADIUM of our happy land  
Connects "*the Union*" by a "*golden chain*;"  
Which kept entire, these Federal States shall stand  
As long as Time's old annals shall remain:  
And nations see with joy, the beauteous Dome,  
"COLUMBIA's boast, and FREEDOM's hallow'd home."

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 16 December 1789 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #383, p. 266)

**BEST BULWARK OF FREEDOM**

We are told, this majority have adopted a system of despotism. This is false, for the new government is the best bulwark of freedom that ever was framed in the world.

“A Citizen of Philadelphia” (Pelatiah Webster)  
*Pennsylvania Gazette*, 23 January 1788 (RCS PA., 660)

**BROAD AND LASTING FOUNDATION**

Feelingly lamented by many of our warmest friends and patriots, who having been instrumental to our independence, are endeavouring, with a patriotic ardor, that does them honor, to wipe away the stigma, and by the adoption of a new system of government, to place these thirteen states upon a broad and lasting foundation that shall stand the shocks of time.

*Pennsylvania Packet*, 3 June 1788 (CC 6, 150)

**BROAD AND SOLID FOUNDATION OF OTHER EDIFICES**

And, I trust, America will be the broad and solid foundation of other edifices not less magnificent, which will be equally permanent monuments of their errors.

“Publius” (Alexander Hamilton): *The Federalist* 9  
*New York Independent Journal*, 21 November 1787 (CC 2, 159)

**THE BROAD AND SOLID FOUNDATION OF PERFECT UNION**

Let us adopt the strong expressions of a great philosopher and statesman.\* “May this Temple sacred to liberty, sacred to justice, the first and greatest political virtue, and built upon the broad and solid foundation of perfect union, be dissoluble only by the dissolution of nature”—under its pervading influence, may the drooping credit of our country be revived, the sails of our commerce unfurled, our agriculture and manufactures encouraged, our useful mechanicks patronized, and the interests and views of this extensive Continent indissolubly united.

\**Vide* Governour BOWDOIN’s speech in Convention.

William Hull: Oration Delivered to the Society of the Cincinnati  
Boston, 4 July 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #893, pp. 389–90)

### DITCH OF DESPOTISM DUG BY THE CONVENTION

The happiness and existence of America being now suspended upon your wise deliberations; three or four sly Aristocrats having lashed the public passions, like wild horses, to the car of Legislation, and driving us all in the midst of political clouds of errors, into that ditch of despotism lately dug by the Convention.

“Curtiopolis,” New York *Daily Advertiser*  
18 January 1788 (CC 3, 399–400)

### DOME

Behold the DOME compleat, the PILLARS rise—  
Earth for the BASIS, for the ARCH the skies!

Boston *Independent Chronicle*, 3 June 1790 (RCS R.I., 1031)

### DOME OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

May the Dome of National Government be *Liberty*—and may it be always supported by the Pillars of *Public Integrity*.

Toast, Pa. *Carlisle Gazette*  
7 July 1790 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #591, p. 397)

### FAIR SHELTER

We have a fair shelter offered us, and are strongly invited and pressed to come into it.

“Agricola’s Opinion,” Poughkeepsie, N.Y., *Country Journal*  
1 April 1788 (RCS N.Y., 885)

### FEDERAL ARCH

I have the Pleasure to congratulate you on the Election of a considerable Majority of Federalists; so that I doubt not but this State will add another Pillar to the Federal Arch.

“Extract of a Letter from a gentleman of Veracity in Fairfax County, Virginia to his Friend in this Town, dated 24 March 1788”  
Providence *United States Chronicle*, 24 April 1788 (RCS VA., 756)

### THE FEDERAL DOME

The FEDERAL DOME ascends on high:  
Rise, COMMERCE rise, unfurl the sail,

Rich golden harvests, bless the vale;  
 ARTS, SCIENCE, GENIUS spring to light!  
 RELIGION beam on realms of night!

And FREEDOM'S TEMPLE reach the sky!

Federal Sacred Ode, *Newport Herald*  
 2 October 1788 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #219, p. 177)



Tho' we've slander'd you much both abroad and at home,  
 And strove to demolish the FEDERAL DOME.

Satirical Poem, *Massachusetts Centinel*  
 11 February 1789 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #971, p. 464)



THE FEDERAL DOME COMPLETED, OR,  
 THE THIRTEENTH PILLAR REARED

Boston *Herald of Freedom*, 1 June 1790 (RCS R.I., 1023)



Thus the FEDERAL DOME is rendered still more complete—and an instance exhibited to the world of the intire change of the Government of a great Nation, in the time of Peace, without bloodshed, or civil commotion.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 2 June 1790 (RCS R.I., 1025)

### THE FEDERAL PILLARS

May the Federal Pillars be raised to the highest pitch of greatness.

*Virginia Centinel*, 2 July 1788 (RCS SUPPL. VA., #290, p. 112)

### A FIRMER CEMENT TO THE NATIONAL UNION

Every discerning friend to his country has long wished for a firmer cement to the national union—for a correct and vigorous administration to recall the violated laws of justice—for respect abroad, and tranquility at home.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., *Country Journal*, 3 October 1787 (CC I, 309)

## FOUNDATION

You are not however to expect, a perfect form of government, any more than to meet with perfection in man; your views therefore, ought to be directed to the main pillars upon which a free government is to rest; if these are well placed, on a foundation that will support the superstructure, you should be satisfied, although the building may want a number of ornaments, which, if your particular tastes were gratified, you would have added to it: on the other hand, if the foundation is insecurely laid, and the main supports are wanting, or not properly fixed, however the fabric may be decorated and adorned, you ought to reject it.

“Brutus” III (Melancton Smith), *New York Journal*  
15 November 1787 (CC 2, 119)



When your children see the candor and greatness of mind, with which you lay the foundation, they will be inspired with equity to finish and adorn the superstructure.

“A Landholder” V (Oliver Ellsworth), *Connecticut Courant*  
3 December 1787 (CC 2, 338)



*To what arts will not the anti-federal partizans have recourse to, in their endeavours to frustrate a foundation, on which alone can be reared, the future glory of Independent America.*

Winchester *Virginia Gazette*  
7 March 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #796, p. 338)



Whoever shall dare to *sap* the foundation, or overturn the *structure*, under whatever specious pretext he may attempt it, will merit the bitterest execrations, and the severest punishment which can be inflicted by his injured country.

“A Federalist,” *Massachusetts Centinel*  
24 May 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #875, p. 380)

## A FOUNDATION AS NO OTHER NATION CAN BOAST OF

By this fortunate Event we expect an efficient, just and lasting Government will very soon take Place upon such a Foundation as no other Nation can boast of.

*Newport Mercury*, 30 June 1788 (RCS R.I., 283)

### FOUNDATION FOR ERECTING TEMPLES OF LIBERTY

By adopting this system, we shall probably lay a foundation for erecting temples of liberty in every part of the earth.

James Wilson, Speech in the Pa. Convention  
11 December 1787 (RCS PA., 584)

### THE FOUNDATION OF A GLORIOUS EMPIRE

In this country is completed that happy alliance of national blessings, which a lively imagination must have painted for the foundation of a glorious empire.

Simeon Baldwin Oration, New Haven, Conn.  
4 July 1788 (CC 6, 241)

### THE FOUNDATION OF A GOOD GOVERNMENT

It is with diffidence, the Committee express their opinion on this very interesting subject; but as it is made their duty, they have made it their endeavour to consider the objects referred to them, with the attention they deserve: And though they think the States have been highly favoured in laying the foundation of a good Government; yet they conceive much is to be done, to define and complete the System.

Providence *United States Chronicle*  
25 March 1790 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #531, p. 367)

### THE FOUNDATION OF A GOOD NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

I trust in God, that the foundation of a good national government is layed. A Way is opened to such alterations and amendments from time to time as shall be judged necessary, and the government being subjected to a revision by the people will not be so liable to abuse.

Henry Knox to George Washington, New York  
3 October 1787 (CC I, 307)

### THE FOUNDATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF FORCE & FRAUD

My opinion with respect to the proposed constitution, is, that if adopted it will lay the foundation of a Government of *force & fraud*, that the

people will bleed with taxes [at every] pore, & that the existence of their liberties will soon be terminated.

Elbridge Gerry to James Warren, New York  
18 October 1787 (CC 1, 407)

### FOUNDATION OF A MONARCHY

Some Gentlemen apprehend that this project is the foundation of a Monarchy, or at least an oppressive Aristocracy; but my apprehensions are rather from the inroads of the democracy

Edward Carrington to Thomas Jefferson, New York  
23 October 1787 (CC 1, 441)

### FOUNDATION OF ONE OF THE GREATEST EMPIRES NOW IN THE WORLD

I will readily agree with you that a better cou'd not be formed for the united States in General, I think it is formed so as to lay the foundation of one of the greatest Empires now in the world.

William Dickson to Robert Dickson, Goshen, N.C.  
28 December 1790 (RCS SUPPL. N.C., #249, p. 106)

### FOUNDATION OF THE BEST GOVERNMENT THAT EVER CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN AMERICA

Our trade with this nation [Great Britain], has been the principal source of all our misfortunes: It has thrown a number of our best estates into the hands of British merchants; has occasioned a most rapid decrease of our medium; has ruined our manufactures, and *will, if pursued, sap the foundation of the best government that ever can be established in America.*

“A Republican,” *Boston Independent Chronicle*  
17 July 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #902, p. 398)

### FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIAL SYSTEM

Good men will generally govern well with almost any constitution: But why in laying the foundation of the social system, need we unnecessarily have a door open to improper regulations?

“Federal Farmer,” *Letters to the Republican*, 8 November 1787 (CC 2, 31)

### THE FOUNDATION OF THIS GREAT FABRIC OF GOVERNMENT

I confess I have always attributed to you the Glory of laying the Foundation of this great Fabric of government.

John Page to James Madison, Williamsburg, Va.  
6 August 1788 (RCS VA., 1760)

### THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH OUR POLITICAL HAPPINESS IS TO BE ERECTED

Many of the most respectable characters among us have been delegated to form an assembly, which, if their salutary measures be not frustrated by the caprice of the States, will complete the foundation on which our political happiness is to be erected.

Baltimore *Maryland Gazette*, 13 July 1787 (RCS SUPPL. MD., #10, p. 6)

### FREEDOM'S SOLID BASE

Behold Columbia's empire rise,  
On freedom's solid base to stand;  
Supported by propitious skies,  
And seal'd by her deliverer's hand.

"A Federal Song," N.Y. *Albany Journal*, 4 August 1788 (CC 6, 320)

### GILDED DOME

If half a dozen others should yet be added to the gilded dome, it will still be astonishingly defective; as the artificers have hurried it through for their own present accommodation, without one solid heart of oak to support an edifice, whose wings extend to embrace the territory from the Mississippi, to the chain of lakes, and from the inland seas to the eastern shore.

"Helvidius Priscus" II (James Warren?), Boston *Independent Chronicle*  
10 January 1788 (RCS MASS., 684; CC 3, 333)

### AS GOOD A SEMENT AS CAN BE DEvised

It seems then this is the Question whether this is as good a sement as can be devised & as far as I have attend none among all the scribblers against it have pretended to point out a bettor.

Isaac Stearns to Samuel Adams, Billerica, Mass.  
31 December 1787 (CC 3, 193)

### THE GRAND FEDERAL DOME

It is done! It is done! the grand Federal Dome,  
Transcends the full splendors of Athens & Rome.

Defying arms, fraud,  
If united at home,  
Reign triumphant abroad.

And the *Virtue*-bas'd,  
*Wisdom*-plann'd,  
*Union*-rear'd,  
*Order*-built,  
*Glory*-crown'd,

GRAND FEDERAL DOME

Forever, forever, forever, eternal shall stand.

Federal Sacred Ode, *Newport Herald*

2 October 1788 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #219, pp. 178–79)

### GRAND AND MAGNIFICENT ARCH

If the Constitution should be finally accepted and established, it will complete the temple of American liberty: and like the key stone of a grand and magnificent arch, be the bond of union to keep all the parts firm, and compacted together.

James Bowdoin, Speech in the Mass. Convention  
23 January 1788 (RCS MASS., 1323)

### THE GREAT ARCH

With the most sincere thanks for your communication of the account that the Convention of N Hampshire had, on the 19th current, adopted the federal Constitution; be pleased to accept my very hearty congratulations that the Key Stone of the Great Arch is placed.

Tristram Dalton to John Langdon, Newbury, Mass.  
26 June 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #889, p. 386)

### THE GREAT DOME OF FEDERAL EMPIRE

Three Pillars of the great Dome of Federal Empire, are reared—and as the Convention of Georgia has been in session—and that of Connecticut will set next week—we hope soon to have it in our power to felicitate our readers on the better half of the pile being completed.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 29 December 1787 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #102, p. 77)

### GREAT NATIONAL DOME

We rejoice that we now have it in our power to RAISE it from the “STOOL of *repentence*,” on which it hath done penance these four months, and to give it a place as one of the noble PILLARS of the GREAT NATIONAL DOME.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 25 June 1788 (RCS N.H., 402; CC 6, 383)

### THE GREAT PALLADIUM

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Connects “*the Union*” by a “*golden chain*;”  
Which kept entire, these Federal States shall stand  
As long as Time’s old annals shall remain:  
And nations see with joy, the beauteous Dome,  
“COLUMBIA’s boast, and FREEDOM’s hallow’d home.”

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 16 December 1789 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #383, p. 266)

### HEAVEN-DESCENDED DOME

In this distressing perplexity, the glorious frame of government for the UNITED States, proposed by the late Convention, presents itself to view—the columns appear with additional lustre—their use and design are fully understood; rising from their *solid* pedestals, they receive the heaven-descended DOME, *supporting* and *supported* by the noble structure.

*Massachusetts Gazette*, 7 December 1787 (RCS MASS., 400; CC 2, 380)

### KEY-STONE TO THE ARCH OF THE NEW

The question now only is, which member of the old confederacy will put the key-stone to the arch of the new.

*Pennsylvania Gazette*, 30 April 1788 (CC 5, 411)

### A LASTING FOUNDATION OF HAPPINESS FOR MILLIONS YET UNBORN

If the constitution, offered to your acceptance, be a wise one, calculated to preserve the invaluable blessings of liberty, to secure the inestimable rights of mankind, and promote human happiness, then, if you accept

it, you will lay a lasting foundation of happiness for millions yet unborn; generations to come will rise up and call you blessed.

“Brutus” I (Melancton Smith), *New York Journal*  
18 October 1787 (CC I, 412–13)

### A LASTING FOUNDATION FOR TRANQUILITY AND HAPPINESS

Or at least we may, with a kind of grateful and pious exultation, trace the finger of Providence through those dark and mysterious events, which first induced the States to appoint a general Convention and then led them one after another (by which steps as were best calculated to effect the object) into an adoption of the system recommended by that general Convention—thereby, in all human probability, laying a lasting foundation for tranquility and happiness.

George Washington to Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., Mount Vernon  
20 July 1788 (CC 6, 274–75)

### A LASTING PILLAR

In this progress, defeats taught us to conquer—and the evils arising from licentiousness and the languor of an imbecile government, the necessity of erecting a lasting pillar of civil and religious liberty.

*Newport Herald*, 3 July 1788 (RCS R.I., 344)

### MAGNIFICENT BRIDGE

I now view this system of government, not as annihilating the state constitutions or government; but, as a magnificent Bridge supported by *Pillars*; which our Rulers will not be inclined to knock away.

Exeter, N.H., *Freeman’s Oracle*, 21 March 1788 (RCS MASS., 1389)

### MAGNIFICENT DOME

The Vox Populi may be heard and attended to in every Part of the Magnificent Dome, in such a Manner as to be productive of the General Good without the Confusion ever attendant on Perfect Democracy.

Theodore Foster to Dwight Foster, Providence, R.I.  
17 June 1790 (RCS R.I., 1049–50)

### MOST VALUABLE AND DURABLE CEMENT

I cannot keep still the pulsations of my heart, nor restrain the desire I feel of endeavoring to forward our speedy progress to a government which promises fair, from its excellent ingredients, to compose a most valuable and durable cement to the different states of the Union.

“A Jerseyman”: To the Citizens of New Jersey  
*Trenton Mercury*, 6 November 1787 (RCS N.J., 147)

### THE NEW ARRANGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL SYSTEM

The people thought them insecure by the state establishments, and extinguished or put afloat by the new arrangement of the social system, unless re-established.

“Federal Farmer,” *Additional Letters to the Republican*, 2 May 1788 (CC 5, 346)

### NEW ROOF

The NEW ROOF, will have a place in our next.

Baltimore *Maryland Gazette*, 11 January 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MD., #31, p. 20)



The Baltimore people and those in my neighbourhood are highly pleased with the New Roof.

Philadelphia *Independent Gazetteer*, 2 February 1788 (RCS MD., 280)



The State of New-York—may it soon become an additional Pillar to the new Roof.

Toast, New York *Daily Advertiser*, 18 February 1788 (RCS N.Y., 771)



I make not the least doubt but by the latter end of June, I shall be able to announce to you the erection of our pillar in support of the new roof.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 27 February 1788 (RCS N.Y., 772)



I wrote also a Piece stiled *The new Roof* which had a great Run . . . it was reprinted in, I believe, every State.

Francis Hopkinson to Thomas Jefferson, Philadelphia  
6 April 1788 (CC 5, 29–30)



I have heard it particularly remarked that the *new Roof*; & the Form of the Ratification of the new Constitution by *New Jersey*, have not been inserted in the Musœum.

Ebenezer Hazard to Mathew Carey, New York  
15 July 1788 (RCS N.Y., 1317)



Letters from New-York confirm the above account. In our next we hope to have the pleasure of announcing the erection of the *ELEVENTH PILLAR* in support of the new *ROOF*.

*Massachusetts Centinel*, 16 July 1788 (RCS N.Y., 2371)

### NOBLE AND JUST ARCHITECTURE

Before I seal this scrawl let me not forget to congratulate You upon the noble and just architecture of the new federal constitution of our country: the most stupendous Fabric of republican government that ever was invented to defend, or constructed to adorn or promulgated to perpetuate political freedom, civil happiness and national renown.

John Brown Cutting to John Rutledge, Jr., London  
1 November 1787 (CC 2, 460)

### OUR GREAT PALLADIUM

Let list'ning nations join thy loud acclaim,  
And raise on high our great PALLADIUM's fame.

Baltimore *Maryland Gazette*, 8 July 1788 (RCS SUPPL. MD., #145, pp. 83–84)

### OUR ROOF

Come, up with *the Plates*, lay them firm on the Wall,  
Like the People at large, they're the Ground-work of all;  
Examine them well, and see that they're sound,  
Let no rotten Parts in our Building be found;

*For our Roof we will raise, and our Song still shall be—  
Our Government firm, and our Citizens free.*

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Huzza! my brave Boys, our Work is complete,  
The World shall admire *Columbia's* fair Seat;  
It's Strength against Tempest and Time shall be Proof,  
And Thousands shall come to dwell under our *ROOF*.

*Whilst we drain the deep Bowl, our Toast still shall be—  
Our Government firm, and our Citizens free.*

“A.B.” (Francis Hopkinson): *The Raising*, *Pennsylvania Gazette*  
6 February 1788 (CC 4, 47–48)



May it please you to give us one free from controul,  
Who to bless us with plenty of PAPER is willing;  
Who hates the *New Roof* and its friends in his soul,  
And who nobly can live for a week on a shilling.

“Essex Petition,” *Providence Gazette*  
11 April 1789 (RCS SUPPL. R.I., #275, p. 215)

## THE PALLADIUM OF COLUMBIA

THE  
GRAND CONSTITUTION:  
Or, *The PALLADIUM of COLUMBIA*:  
A NEW FEDERAL SONG.

“The Grand Constitution,” *Massachusetts Centinel*  
6 October 1787 (CC 1, 344)

## PALLADIUM OF LIBERTY

On Doctor FRANKLIN’s shedding tears of extacy at signing that palladium of liberty, the glorious federal system of government.

*Massachusetts Gazette*, 20 November 1787 (RCS MASS., 273; CC 2, 454)



Join then in a loud acclame, and let future ages know that you are worthy of them, in having handed down this palladium of liberty, and by preserving it entire and unbroken, let future ages shew themselves worthy of you.

*Pittsburgh Gazette*, 28 June 1788 (RCS SUPPL. PA., #696, p. 1311)

## PILLARS OF UNION

Let this be done with Temper and Moderation, but with Firmness.—  
Upon the Basis of *Truth* and *Right Reason* let us Erect the Pillars of  
UNION.

“Union,” *Boston Gazette*, 12 November 1787 (RCS MASS., 221)

## PYRAMID

A free government has often been compared to a pyramid. This allusion is made with peculiar propriety in the system before you; it is laid on the broad basis of the people; its powers gradually rise, while they are confined, in proportion as they ascend, until they end in that most permanent of all forms. When you examine all its parts, they will invariably be found to preserve that essential mark of free governments—a chain of connection with the people.

James Wilson, Speech in the Pa. Convention  
11 December 1787 (RCS PA., 580)



After four months deliberation the great work is produced. It rises to view like a pyramid, whose broad foundation is the people,—whose summit is their happiness.

William Pierce, Oration, Savannah, Ga., 4 July 1788 (CC 6, 251)

## RISING PILLAR

Various towns in this state have also shewn the same friendly disposition, on the great jubilee of America, the fourth of July, towards the rising pillar of government.

*Newport Herald*, 10 July 1788 (RCS R.I., 345)

## ROOF

It was manifest from a bare inspection of the plan, that the strength of each contributed to the strength of the whole, and that the existence of each and all were essentially necessary to the existence of the whole fabric as a roof.

“The New Roof” (Francis Hopkinson), *Pennsylvania Packet*  
29 December 1787 (CC 3, 185)



Hail to this festival! all hail the day!

*Columbia's* standard on HER ROOF display:

And let the PEOPLE'S Motto ever be,

“UNITED THUS, and THUS UNITED—FREE.”

Francis Hopkinson: An Ode, Philadelphia  
4 July 1788 (CC 6, 247)

**SACRED PALLADIUM**

I cannot discover, with my feeble understanding, any other means, than this sacred palladium that can effectually secure us and our posterity from the odious tyranny of an aristocratic government, nor any thing less, than the adopting this new constitution to save us from anarchy and annihilation.

“A Delegate Who Has Caught Cold,” *Virginia Independent Chronicle*  
25 June 1788 (RCS VA., 1684)

**SANDY FOUNDATION**

For my own part I think that that Government rests on a very sandy foundation, the Subjects whereof are convinced that it is a bad one. Time alone will convince us.

Aedanus Burke to John Lamb, Charleston, S.C.  
23 June 1788 (RCS S.C., 470; CC 6, 56)

**THE SOLID FOUNDATION ON WHICH OUR  
NATIONAL LIBERTIES ARE IMMOVABLY FIXED**

From such a servant with powers so limited and transitory, there can be no danger, especially when we consider the solid foundations on which our national liberties are immovably fixed by the other provisions of this excellent constitution.

“An American Citizen” I (Tench Coxe): On the Federal Government  
*Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer*, 26 September 1787 (CC I, 251)

**A SPLENDID MONUMENT**

The sister states resolve to rear  
A temple to the Goddess fair,  
Which elevated o’er the land,  
A splendid monument might stand.

*Maryland Journal*, 15 February 1788 (RCS MD., 320)

**A STRONG FENCE ABOUT A RICH FIELD OF WHEAT**

The new plan of partnership went by the name of *the fiddle*; those who were in favour of it called themselves *fiddlers*, and those who opposed it were stiled *antifiddlers*. The former said it was the best plan that

human wisdom had ever contrived. The latter imagined it pregnant with mischief of every kind. The former compared it to a strong fence about a rich field of wheat. The latter compared it to the whale that swallowed up Jonah.

Jeremy Belknap: *The Foresters, An American Tale*  
Boston, 1792 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #983, p. 477)

### THIRTEEN PILLARS

Will the Convention of new York, who have it in their Power to stop the Career of Influence; permit the thirteen Pillars to be bent down.

Joshua Atherton to John Lamb, Amherst, N.H.  
23 June 1788 (CC 6, 52)

### TRIUMPHANT ARCH

And when once the triumphant arch is erected, the lover of laws, founded on justice and equity, may rest securely “under his own vine and fig-tree, and have none to make him afraid.”

*Pennsylvania Packet*, 3 June 1788 (CC 6, 150)

### UNDECAYING MONUMENT

Take shelter in the superb edifice which has been projected by the collected wisdom of the continent . . . and which, if received will be reared as an undecaying monument of the united wisdom of the United States.

“Juvenis,” *New Hampshire Spy*  
20 October 1787 (RCS N.H., 18–19)

### VAST AND MAGNIFICENT BRIDGE

It is like a vast and magnificent bridge built upon thirteen strong and stately pillars.

Richard Law, Speech in the Conn. Convention  
9 January 1788 (RCS CONN., 559; CC 3, 316–17)