

## CLOTHING

### THE BREECHES

I think it doubtful whether Feds. or Antis. will be most numerous in Convention, though I have little doubt that they will adopt the Constitution:—it is probable that some may propose to have the Breeches altered before they try them on; but I fancy the majority will be for wearing them as they are.

Ebenezer Hazard to Jeremy Belknap, New York  
10 May 1788 (CC 4, 592)

### CLOAK

If this florid Spectator intends to prostitute his talents further, in order to please his employer, he would do well, not to shade the Hypocrite under the cloak of the new CONSTITUTION.

“A Planter,” *State Gazette of South Carolina*  
21 July 1788 (RCS S.C., 386–87)

### CLOAK OF COMPROMISE

As a representative can always in this view screen his abuse of Trust under the Cloak of Compromise, we do not see what check can remain in the Hands of the Constituents.

“Address to the Members of the New York and Virginia Conventions”  
(unpublished manuscript), post 30 April 1788 (CC 5, 258)

### MENSTRUOUS CLOTH

The new constitution therefore is cast out of that state (to use the strong expression of the prophet) AS A MENSTRUOUS CLOTH.

Philadelphia *Independent Gazetteer*, 1 May 1788 (RCS R.I., 237)

### NEW BREECHES

They have insidiously attempted to confine and cramp by palming this “*gilded trap*” the new breeches on me.

“Peter Prejudice” (Francis Hopkinson): The New Breeches  
Philadelphia *Federal Gazette*, 15 April 1788 (CC 5, 128)

### NEW WEDDING SUIT

I am daily making Calculations for the United States to be adorned with her new *wedding Suit*.

Jeremiah Hill to George Thatcher, Biddeford, Maine  
c. 26 February 1788 (CC 4, 209)

### A PURSE

Sometimes it was represented by a *purse*, and then it was said to be dangerous to let any one hold the strings. Money is a tempting object, and the best men are liable to be corrupted.

Jeremy Belknap: *The Foresters, An American Tale*  
Boston, 1792 (RCS SUPPL. MASS., #983, p. 478)

### A WEB MAY BE PRODUCED

And why may not such indispensable amendments be proposed by the Conventions and returned With the new plan to Congress that a new general Convention may so weave them into the proffer'd system as that a Web may be produced fit for freemen to wear?

Richard Henry Lee to Samuel Adams, New York  
5 October 1787 (CC 1, 324)