

FAMILIAL

THE BEST INHERITANCE

Ye parents, bequeath to your beloved children a federal constitution as the best inheritance.

“Foreign Spectator” (Nicholas Collin), *Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer*
2 October 1787 (CC I, 293)

A CONFIRMED BODILY EXISTENCE

Yet it is hardly to be supposed, (or rather in my judgment it is irrational to suppose) they will reject a government, which, from an unorganised embryo ready to be stifled with a breath, has now in the maturity of Its birth assumed a confirmed bodily existence.

George Washington to Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Mount Vernon
28 June 1788 (CC 6, 208)

FAMILY

Let us be familiar, it is demonstrable by a family; although the father, or master, may prefer mildness in his family, yet necessity obliges him sometimes to use rigorous measures.

Newport Herald, 17 April 1788 (RCS R.I., 253)

FAMILY BOOK

If a nation means its systems, religion or political, shall have duration, it ought to recognize the leading principles of them in the front page of every family book.

“Federal Farmer,” *Additional Letters to the Republican*
2 May 1788 (CC 5, 343)

FEDERAL FAMILY

We flatter ourselves with the pleasing expectations of being soon a Branch of the federal family.

Brown & Benson to Jenckes, Winsor & Company, Providence, R.I.
15 September 1789 (RCS R.I., 599)



We are in hopes that it will not be long before we are a branch of the federal family at present our embarrassments are great.

Brown & Benson to Hewes & Anthony, Providence, R.I.
2 October 1789 (RCS R.I., 614)



As soon as we are happily introduced into the Federal family We shall ship you several Tons of Hemp and a quantity of Rum. In the Mean time will thank you to inform us the price of those articles & a general state of your Market.

Brown & Benson to Hewes & Anthony, Providence, R.I.
4 February 1790 (RCS R.I., 686)

MARRIAGE

The great Body of the People in every Free Government, must always be considered as the Husband of the Constitution thereof, and consequently that as long as such Constitution performs the duties of Love Honor and Obedience to Her great Constituent Body, or Political Husband, She is entitled to be Kept both in sickness and in Health, with all possible Love and Fidelity by such her said Husband and that on a breach of her Duty she must expect to incur the Pains and Penalties of *Divorce*.

William Stuart to Griffith Evans, New York
11 July 1788 (CC 6, 258–59)

OUR INTENDED

I have received your welcome favor giving a partial account of the Procession in your City on the 4th. inst. in honor of our *Intended*.

William Stuart to Griffith Evans, New York
11 July 1788 (CC 6, 258)