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## Letters from Charleston, 3, 4 December 1787

*Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Charleston, South-Carolina,  
to his friend in this city, dated December 4, 1787.*

“I am glad to hear that you are disposed to adopt the new government in your and the adjacent states. I am not much of a politician, but my anxiety for the prosperity and happiness of my country leads me to wish sincerely that the system, in its original form, may be adopted in toto by all the states. South-Carolina, I trust, will not hesitate. Very little is said against it here, but by such as we regard as the rotten part of our community, and God knows we have too many of that worthless unprincipled tribe amongst us, who no doubt are secretly devising mischief in their dark and hidden places. They have not, however, as yet had either the candour or effrontery to avow themselves before men who live and move in open day-light.”

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