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. . . does it not clearly follow, that a Constitution, thus calmly and deliberately framed by men deputed from among ourselves, whose unanimity can be ascribed to Heaven alone, ought in all reason to be as speedily adopted as possible, lest the Demon of Discord, by the insinuations of PRISCUS and others, should deprive us of the inestimable opportunity,—this LUCID PAUSE, the first since creation! and leave the disgraceful and melancholly fact still recorded, to blacken the annals of humanity . . .

Fellow citizens! we have fought for our liberties; we have cemented our union by the richest blood of our brothers and friends! we have destroyed the system of foreign power and laid the British government in the dust; and now, through the favour of Heaven, we are about to erect a glorious fabrick on the ruins of tyranny, that we may realize the blessings of “Peace, Liberty and Safety.”—But the Demons of jealousy and discord would defeat the design! and still deprive us of all the happiness which we fondly anticipated from the costly purchase of Independence! And shall our “honour, our character, our freedom,” be swallowed up in the vortex of anarchy and confusion? Shall it be said of us, Why is there a price put into the hands of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to improve it? Forbid it Heaven!

“The star of intelligence,” sheds its benign influence upon us; the necessity of a firm, efficient Federal Government, is seen and felt by every man; the United Voice of America proclaims the truth. This conviction, must lead to the adoption of that system, which the wisest men, that America could select from her sons, have framed. May Heaven preserve us from the fell designs of local, disappointed, bigotted and party politicians. That the fabric of the Federal Republic! ennobling idea! may be speedily established, on the basis of that UNION, which gave us Independence, and which, if continued, will give us, “devoutly to be wished,” the blessings of National Government. . . .

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