from Boston, 10/1: "A new era will commence, and this country will be in existance, but from the moment, when the plan of government submitted to the people shall be generally adopted. - The distinctions of state councils will be lost in the stronger ties by which the citizens of America will be connected to one another. - As yet, every thing looks fair, and the voice of opposition is scarcely heard in whispers; may it then perish; and may peace, unanimity and happiness, become perpetual throughout America." from Phila., 10/6: "Another correspondent observes, that although the tide seems to run so high at present in favour of the new constitution, there is no doubt but the people will soon change their minds, when they have had time to examine it with complexs and impartiality." As 12 "blessings," correspondent enumerates, sarcastically, the loss of all rights not guaranteed in a Bill of Rights.

Numerous meetings of freeholders in Fairfax Co & Alexandria have approved proposed constitution & have instructed their representatives to support a state convention. Writer in Boston observes that proceedings of the late Continental Convention "must receive the approbation of every Man of independent Sentiments."

"CENTINAL" writes in Phila: "the proposed plan of Government has none of the essential Resquisites of a free government....on the contrary, that it is the most daring Attempt

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to establish a despotic Aristocracy among Freeman, that World has ever witnessed.

"A Friend to the Constitution" rebutts "CAUTION," whom he perceives to be Mr. C----,
who before his election promised he would use his endeavours to call a convention.

Quotes speech of Mr. Wilson in Phila. that anyone in office of profit in the present
government will object because the new government will affect his wealth; Wilson does
not agree with some parts of the document, but given men's different opinions, "I
am satisfied that any thing nearer to perfection could not have been accomplished."