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William Tilghman to Tench Coxe, Chester Town, 20 April 1788

I go to morrow to Annapolis You have probably seen the returns in the different counties, in the Baltimore papers-- We suppose that 15 counties, & the towns of Baltimore & Annapolis have sent Federal representatives,--three counties (Baltimore, Anne Arundel, & Harford) antifederal--On this calculation the majority will be 64 to 12--Allowing largely for accidents, I have no doubt but we shall have a very respectable majority--Chase, Paca, & Martin, were in my opinion unduly elected, not being resident in the counties for which they were chosen--But it is worth considering whether it will not be better to wink at this--These men have no chance of success, but by throwing things into a ferment should they be refused a seat, it might raise discontents among the people who chose them, & the whole antifederal party would exclaim that they were excluded lest they should shew the intended form of Government in it's proper colors--

It is impossible to say yet, how long this business will detain us--The opposition will probably push first for an adjournment till the Determination of Virginia is known--If they fail in that, they will endeavour to perplex the matter by introducing amendments--Their speakers are Chase, Martin,

Mercer, Pinkney, & I suppose Paca; tho' it is said that both in Philadelphia & Maryland he has talked in a different Stile-- I cannot conceive how he should be elected for Harford, but upon the Idea of his being averse to the Government-- and to tell you the truth, I was surprized at being told what sentiments he expressed in Philadelphia--The Violence with which he urged an emission of paper here, made me conclude that he was averse to every thing like regular government-- this, entre nous--as he is a good tempered man, & we are upon terms of civility--I hope to hear from you during the sitting of the Convention & beg that you will communicate any observations or intelligence which may appear interesting--You shall hear how we go on--

1. RC, Coxe Papers, PHi.