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## NORFOLK, May 7.

Extract of a letter from Richmond to a gentleman in Portsmouth, dated Monday 29th April.

“Accounts by this night’s stage say, that the Convention of Maryland are sixty two to twelve in favour of the New Constitution. Satisfied with the propriety of adopting the Fœderal system they say nothing but by their wishes in favour of it.---Chafe and Mercer are most violent in opposition.---

A correspondent remarks that the two last gentlemen, from a similarity of sentiments and circumstances, are evidently links in the chain of a certain celebrated Orator, whose views have long since been pointed to disunion and separated confederations; the *nulla redemptum virtute* of Horace is a character that philosophers have doubted the possible existence of. A dispassionate view of some characters in this junto would almost lead us to adopt the opinion of the Satyrift----*Caveat Romani*.