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Philip Thomas to Horatio Gates, Frederick, 21 March 1788¹

I do myself the pleasure to inclose you ² pamphlets' containing remarks on the proposed plan of a federal government by Aristidesⁱ. I have read it several times over with much more pleasure than it has been, or will be, read, I suppose, by 99 in a 100: not barely because I feel myself As much interested in the adoption of the plan in proportion to my rank & worth As Any One can be; but because it is the work of one of my most dear friends, Judge Hanson. Whether the work deserves all, or one half, the merit which I, & several others, think it possesses I know not. there is one thing however that must recommend it to your attention & that is, the independent style in which it is wrote which serves as an incontestible proof that the Author wrote without favor or partiality; and I believe you are not a stranger to his character for integrity.

file A.C. Hanson

I believe that Maryland will adopt the proposed plan by a pretty large Majority but it is said the opponents have begun to pluck up their [crests?] since the conflict happened in the Convention of N. Hampshire & the nefarious "doings" in Rhode Island which last appears to be Cousin German to [Gomohhah?].

We are highly pleased to hear that the opposition abates in your quarter and strongly hope the dominion will finally ratify. If you will drive envy out of the State there would be no doubt of the success of the plan.

[P.S.] written in great haste

1. RC, Horatio Gates, Mss., NN.