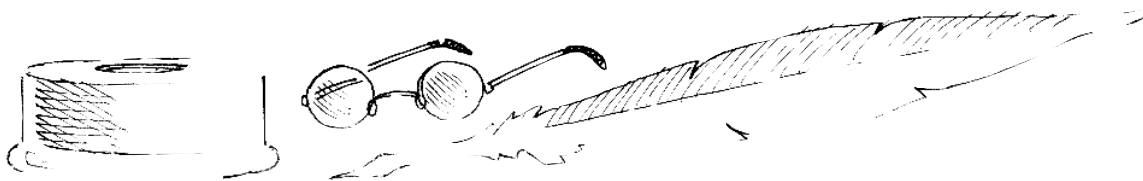


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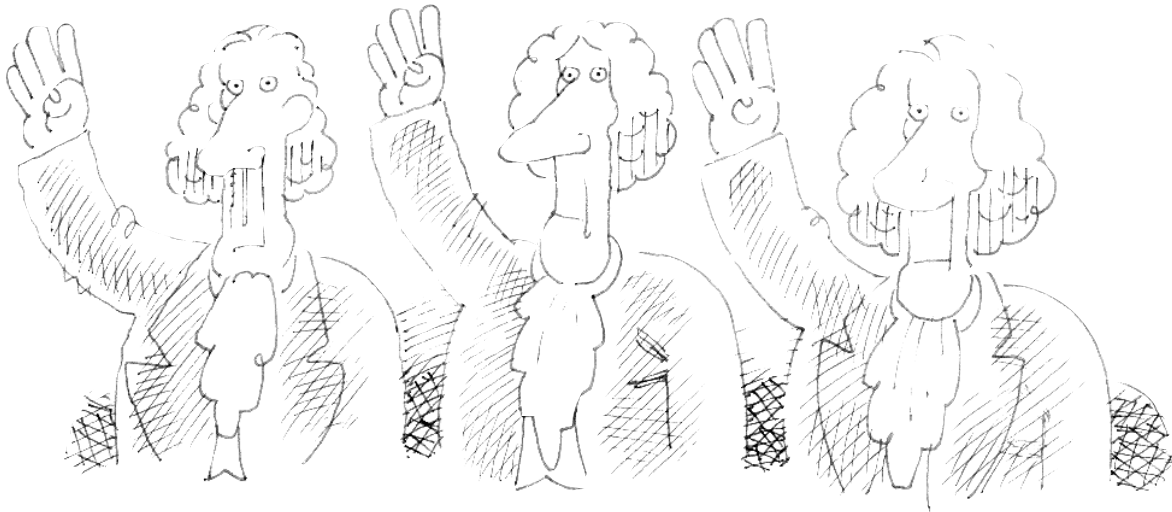
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Ratification of the Constitution

The Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia was finished on September 17, 1787. Copies of the Constitution were then sent to each of the 13 states for their ratification. Each of the 13 states then held conventions to decide on ratification of the Constitution. Delegates in each state were sent to conventions to vote on whether or not their state would ratify or vote for the Constitution to be the new law of the land, replacing the Articles of Confederation.

Below is a chart that shows the dates of ratification, when the vote was taken and what the tallies were for and against for each of the original 13 states.



State	Date	For	Against
1. Delaware	December 7, 1787	30	0
2. Pennsylvania	December 12, 1787	46	23
3. New Jersey	December 18, 1787	38	0
4. Georgia	January 2, 1788	26	0
5. Connecticut	January 4, 1788	128	40
6. Massachusetts	February 6, 1788	187	168
7. Maryland	April 28, 1788	63	11
8. South Carolina	May 23, 1788	149	73
9. New Hampshire	June 21, 1788 *	57	47
10. Virginia	June 25, 1788	89	79
11. New York	July 26, 1788	30	27
12. North Carolina	November 21, 1789	195	77
13. Rhode Island	June 7, 1790	34	32

*The Constitution went into effect.

Political Cartoons

The cartoon, "The Federal Edifice," was published August 2, 1788, by the Massachusetts *Centinel*.

Words to Look For

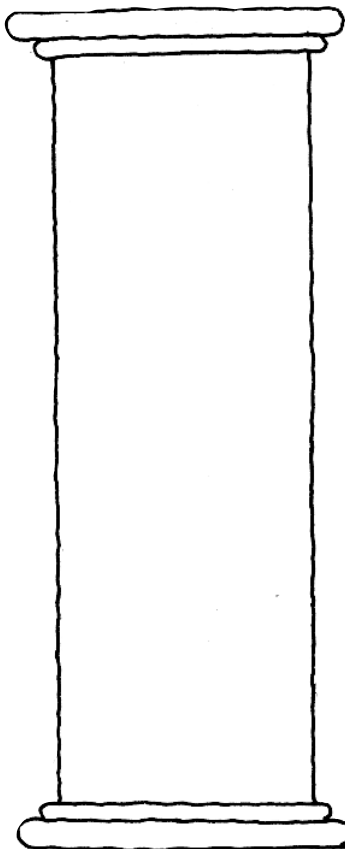
Redeunt Saturnia Regna Latin meaning "Return the Age of Saturn" or "Return Saturn's Regim"

Saturnian Of Saturn, the Roman mythological god of agriculture whose reign was called the golden age

Columbia A mythical figure who represents the United States, almost always in the form of a woman, named after Christopher Columbus

Note: When you read newspapers and pamphlets from 18th century America, notice that the small or lowercase s looks like an *f*. In the first line of the poem, it reads, "ELEVEN STARS, in quick succession rise—" not ELEVEN STARS, in quick fuceffion rife.

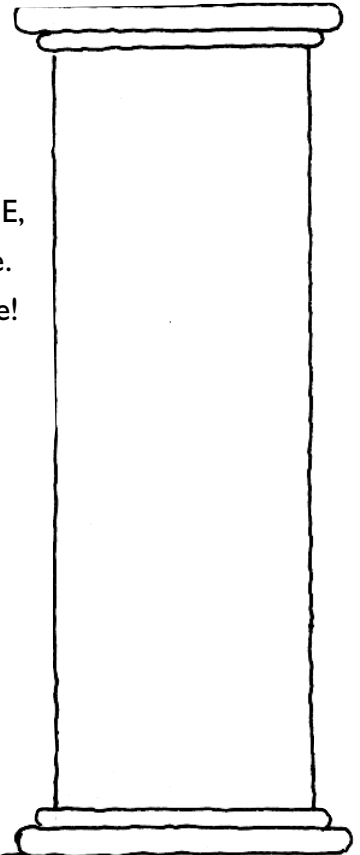
Below is the text of the poem.



The FEDERAL EDIFICE

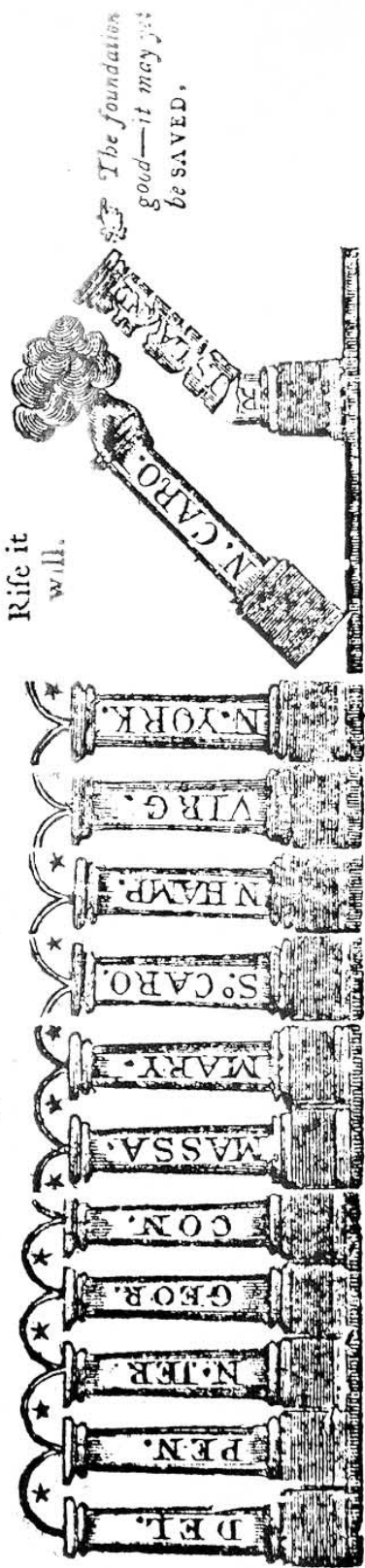
ELEVEN STARS, in quick succession rise—
ELEVEN COLUMNS strike our wond'ring eyes,
Soon o'er the *whole*, shall swell the beauteous DOME,
COLUMBIA's boast—and FREEDOM's hallow'd home.

Here shall the ARTS in glorious splendour shine!
And AGRICULTURE give her shores divine!
COMMERCE refin'd dispense us more than gold,
And this new world, teach WISDOM to the old—
RELIGION here shall fix her blest abode,
Array'd in *mildness*, like its parent GOD!
JUSTICE and LAW, shall endless PEACE maintain,
And the "SATURNIAN AGE," *return again*.





On the erection of the Eleventh PILLAR of the great National DOME, we beg leave most sincerely to felicitate "OUR DEAR COUNTRY"



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