

🎵 17 [0:25] A POLITICIAN REPRISÉ SCENE CHANGE

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■ Independence Hall, as before, next day [2:35] PATERSON OBJECTS Act 1: Sc 7  
 ⇒ Delegates assembled: VA, MD, DE, NY CT, PA, NC, SC, GA; not NH, RI. WASHINGTON in  
 Chair. ♦ paper at MD or VA table for PATERSON. [□ Langdon, G Morris **not** in scene]  
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[2:35]

BEDFORD: We would like to welcome Luther Martin, the esteemed Attorney General from Maryland.

DICKINSON: And perhaps the greatest litigator that state has seen.  
 [MARTIN, slightly unkempt, rises and bows.]

MARTIN [with a loud flourish] : And my compatriot, Daniel Saint Thomas Jenifer.  
 [The much older JENIFER rises only briefly and bows.]

MADISON: And I would also like to welcome my very good friend, William Paterson, of the State and  
 College of New Jersey, where we attended together.

PATERSON [rising and smiling at MADISON during the introduction] : I thank you.

[BLOUNT ⇒ enters during previous line, then closes the door, the sound of which draws attention of ALL to him, including  
FRANKLIN, who has been dosing. BLOUNT nods in brief acknowledgment then takes his chair without drawing further  
 attention to himself.]

SEC JACKSON [trying to overlook the interruption] : The states of Georgia, Maryland, and New Jersey are now represented at  
 this Convention, making the number of states represented eleven, with only New  
 Hampshire and Rhode Island yet to send delegations. We have voted seven to one. . .

BLOUNT [pressing] : One state, North Carolina, is still . . . deciding.

SEC JACKSON : Seven to one, with one state undecided, to consider a National Legislature, based upon  
 the number of free inhabitants. . .

PATERSON [quietly] : Mister President, . . . I [working up to it] . . . I . . . I know I came a little later, but I MUST  
 OBJECT! [ALL attention drawn to HIM]

YATES [going along] : Yes! I object, too! [as discussion continues LANSING throws up his hands and glares at  
YATES with a "what now?!" expression; YATES looks back with an "I don't know" shrug.]

MARTIN : As do !!

WILSON : Object to what?!

PATERSON : Object to it all!

- WILSON : All of it?! [*Several OTHER DELEGATES react similarly.*]
- PATERSON : It seems already to have been decided that representation in this new Congress be based upon popular vote. At first glance this seems fair. But consider in the Confederation, each sovereign state was allowed an equal vote. Otherwise, the smaller states, like my New Jersey, would have been destroyed! Rather than saved!
- WILSON: The minority states must unite for their own safety!
- MARTIN: Safety from whom?!?!]
- PATERSON [*reasonable*] : The larger states – Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia – will control everything before them!
- WILSON: If the small states will not confederate on THIS plan, Pennsylvania, and, I presume, some other states, would not confederate on any other!
- PATERSON [*to Center*] : Virginia would have 16 votes while Georgia would have one!
- BALDWIN : But Georgia will grow.
- MARTIN: Maryland will NOT!
- PATERSON: The proposition of proportional representation strikes at the very existence of the smaller states!
- PINCKNEY [*sarcastically, to middle of the Hall, advancing on NJ*] : So, if we give New Jersey an equal vote, will she dismiss her scruples and concur in the national system?
- PATERSON [*holding up ♦ paper from MA or VA table*] : New Jersey will NEVER confederate on this plan before the committee! She would be swallowed up! I would rather submit to a monarch than to such a fate. I would do everything in my power to oppose such a plan! [*crumpling paper*]
- SHERMAN [*trying to mollify PATERSON*] : What if the first house was according to free inhabitants, and the second house an equal vote per state?
- LANSING [*riding over SHERMAN*] : The only basis should be the existing Confederation! And any change beyond that would NEVER pass anyway!
- MARTIN [*→ moving over DS. OTHER DELEGATES verbally deny Martin's suggestions in cacophony, quieting for his last line*] :  
 The general government is meant merely to preserve the state governments! We give it too much power and we will never regain it! An equal vote in each state was founded in justice and freedom! The big three states will adopt judicial, executive, and legislative systems as they please. This abuse exhausts me!
- PATERSON: I would ask time to present an alternate proposal.

WILSON [to MASON] : These small state's men are nothing but grumbling... "Grumbletonians!"

MASON: Yes. . .Grumbletonians. ...but the small states MUST have their say!  
I believe their interests SHOULD be protected!

BEDFORD: As do I !

MARTIN: And I !

LANSING: And we do as well!

RANDOLPH [*acquiescing*] : I believe that we MUST have the report from New Jersey. . . [SOME DELEGATES  
*support the idea.*]

**♪ 18 intro** THE GRUMBLETONIANS [*orchestra begins intro as underscore.*]

SEC JACKSON: Agreed? [*some heads nod among the DELEGATES*]

[WASHINGTON nods to SEC JACKSON.]

SEC JACKSON: We stand adjourned! [WASHINGTON gavel]  
[→ ALL EXCEPT the "GRUMBLETONIANS" exit]

■ Continuing ♪ Orch. begins during prior dialogue line [1:05] **THE GRUMBLETONIANS** 1.7b

**♪ 18** [1:05] THE GRUMBLETONIANS: GERRY, PATERSON, MASON, LANSING, YATES, BEDFORD,  
MARTIN, DICKINSON

ALL [*♪sing*]: **We are the Grumbletonians,**  
**And don't believe that anything should change. . .**

LANSING & YATES: **should change. . .should change. . .**

[MASON looks at the TWO from NY, wondering at their strange echo; L&Y look back, shrug, and are somewhat oblivious.]

ALL: **We are the Grumbletonians,**  
**And think that everything should stay the same. . .**

LANSING & YATES [*looking uncomfortable afterward, but THEY cannot resist the echo*] :

. . .the same. . . the same. . .

[MASON looks at them again, shaking his head; the next line is sarcasm. . .]

MASON: **These are my glorious allies,**  
**To see this country do what's right,**  
**'See that what we have begun,**  
**Ends up in the hands of Washington,**  
**And that we have necessity . . . to change. . .**

LANSING and YATES: **. . . to change. . . to change. . .**

[LANSING and YATES look at each other wondering what they have just sung. . .the OTHERS check, too]

ALL [*except MASON*] :

**And we will NOT . . . be the same . . .**

[After a brief pause a FEW realize and look to one another, questioning and arguing about what they just sang.]

[applause]

🎵 19 [0:20] **YOUNGER LIONS REPRISÉ SCENE CHANGE**

segue from **THE GRUMBLETONIANS**

♣ lights out [0:20]	🎵 19 YOUNGER LIONS REPRISÉ SCENE CHANGE	1.7c
■ Independence Hall, another day ♦ paper for <u>WILSON</u> <b>MORE LIKE the BRITISH</b> Act I: Sc 8		
♣ lights up [☐ <i>Langdon not in scene</i> ] Pinckney, Rutledge, Wythe, Madison, Franklin, G Morris, Wilson, King, Hamilton, Blount, Sec Jackson, Randolph, Mason, Gerry, Gorham, Sherman, Yates, Lansing, Dickinson, Bedford, Washington, Baldwin, Martin, St. Thomas Jenifer, Paterson		

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[1:10]

WILSON [reading PATERSON's proposal] : The differences between the Virginia and the New Jersey plans:

Virginia plan two branches of legislature; New Jersey one.  
 Virginia, power by the people; New Jersey, by the states.  
 Virginia, a single executive; New Jersey, a committee.  
 Virginia, a majority can act; New Jersey, a minority can block.  
 Virginia, a complete change in National Structure; New Jersey, the same Confederation,  
 with greater force...

PATERSON [slams something on the table, deliberately to cut off WILSON, looks up, cynically]

[FRANKLIN, who had been dosing, jerks awake at the loud noise.]

PATERSON: Fly.

HAMILTON [interrupting] : Mister Paterson, I have my own proposal to make. [MANY groan.]

G MORRIS [to MADISON and WILSON] : James...?

WILSON : What is he doing?!

MADISON : ...Alexander [warning] . . . This is not a battlefield . . .

HAMILTON: 'Same difference, Mister Madison. They do not like your quiet, well-reasoned proposals.  
 [gesturing toward himself] We will give them arrogance and extremes if THAT is what they want.

[Pause, ready to do battle, knowing he wants a pyrrhic victory. Shouting. ]

HAMILTON [with grand gesture toward himself] : I think we ought to be more like the British . . .

G MORRIS [aside to MADISON] : ... I told you...

🎵 20 intro [1:15] **MORE LIKE THE BRITISH** [orchestra begins intro, timed as underscore.]

HAMILTON : I think we ought to elect ourselves a King! [looking at WASHINGTON]

WILSON [aside to G MORRIS] : ... uh-oh...

■ Continuing 🎵 Orchestra introduction begins during prior dialogue lines.

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**[1:15] MORE LIKE the BRITISH**

*Awkward mis-match of meter and lyrics phrases characterizes Hamilton's suggestion, as well as his forceful character.*

**HAMILTON** [tune is "British Grenadiers" 🎵sing]:

We ought to be more like the British,  
We should drink tea and eat scones.  
We ought to be more like the British,  
They will leave us all alone.  
We ought to have two houses,  
'Avoid the silliness of France,  
The lower house for peasants,  
And the upper to sing, and play, and dance.

*HAMILTON dances or bows briefly to the instrumental repeat of previous line*

We ought to be more like the British,  
Sail our ships upon the sea.  
And have a king elected,  
And finances to make us all free.  
With classes and traditions,  
With titles, heritage galore.

We ought to be more like the British,  
Then and only then we will be more.

*[tune is 1<sup>st</sup> line of "La Marseillaise"]*

*HAMILTON marches/struts briefly to the tune of "La Marseillaise"*

When we're more like the British, . . .

**OTHER DELEGATES:** *[verbal objections start with 2<sup>nd</sup> verse, get louder, increasing to booing and hissing, starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse, to silence HAMILTON.]*

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**[3:50] AMERICA, the MIRACLE** [orchestra also ends abruptly, then segue to **AMERICA, THE MIRACLE**]

■ Continuing: Independence Hall

🎵 **AMERICA, THE MIRACLE**

1.8c

**PINCKNEY**, w/ **OTHER DELEGATES**, excluding **WASHINGTON** and **SEC JACKSON** [**OTHER DELEGATES** join in gradually, starting at the second Transition]

*[Line numbers here indicate musical structure, not a count of lines. {= simultaneous lines.]*

**PINCKNEY** [amonishing others, 🎵sing]:

**TRANSITION**

Have you forgotten why our country fought a vicious war?  
The sacrifice of friends and neighbors – that – we cannot now ignore.  
Do you remember how our people found the courage, yet  
Against most overwhelming odds, to make a stand.  
We are diff'rent, not like those from any other land.  
The most singular of people that the world has ever seen.  
Ours is like no other country, foreign states can't come between.

**VERSE L1**

**VERSE L2**

'Not controlled by the few wealthy, for equality's supreme.  
Ev'ry man enjoys his freedom. Ev'ry citizen can dream.

VERSE L3  
VERSE L4

America, the Miracle, I'll have no other land.  
It gives to me precious liberty. I find it by my hand.  
The industry of our people allows us all to stand.  
It's not the government that saves us; it is the government that we command.

CHORUS L1  
CHORUS L2  
EXTENSION L1  
EXTENSION L2

{PINCKNEY: It is indeed, a miracle: the light, the love, the liberty at end.

2 SONGS TOGETHER, TRANSITION

{DELEGATES: [*→standing as THEY join in*] [*few*] A - [*+2 more*] mir - [*+ 3 more*] a - cle!

{PINCKNEY: For we talk not of our endings, but beginnings without end.

VERSE L1/3

{adding DELEGATES: Americans are we.

Americans are free.

{PINCKNEY: This is your land, this is my land. For this we all contend.

VERSE L2/4

{adding DELEGATES: We all have fought for liberty and won, as all can clearly see.

PINCKNEY & ALL DELEGATES [*→standing as THEY join in*] : A country made by people in whom  
greatness will not tire.

1 SONG  
CHOR L1

Not made by conquest of others, but for what we do aspire.

CHORUS L2

None excluded by their birth; each creates his valued worth for what we do inspire.

EXTEN L2

It is indeed, a miracle. Our Great Experiment reaches higher.

TRANSIT - CODA

[*applause*]

♪ 22 [0:20] AMERICA, the MIRACLE REPRISE SCENE CHANGE

♣lights out with applause [0:20] ♪ MIRACLE REPRISE SCENE CHANGE

1.8d

■ Independence Hall as before. A later time. [6:40] BIG STATES/SMALL STATES Act 1: Sc 9  
♪ street sounds fade up ♣lights up with ♪ street sounds fading down a bit

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KING : I move that this first clause in the proposed document be changed FROM, quote, "a national Government"... TO "THE government of THE UNITED STATES".

[Pause, ALL THE DELEGATES look around. SEC JACKSON looks to WASHINGTON, who looks to MADISON. MADISON shrugs.]

SEC JACKSON: Without objection. [HE strikes the wording.]

MARTIN [*stands*] : I move that we do SOMETHING about the traffic noise on Chestnut Street. We moved to discuss these issues in secrecy, and we have to shout to hear ourselves talk.

FRANKLIN: I will speak with the road commissioners. [*As the dialogue continues, FRANKLIN motions for GOOD to come to HIM, jots a note and hands it to GOOD, sending HIM out.*]

MARTIN : Thank you.

WASHINGTON : Secretary Jackson?

SEC JACKSON: We have agreement that the First House of the Legislature shall be by proportional representation. Six states to four. Maryland is divided. [MARTIN scowls at JENIFER, who studiously looks away.] The same is to be said of the Second House – that it shall be by proportional representation.

BLOUNT : Mister Secretary, I am still . . .

SEC JACKSON : Yes, I know.

BLOUNT : I'm still ...deciding.

SEC JACKSON : Five states to four, with TWO undecided.

[♪ Street noises escalate to the point of stopping the discussion. MARTIN attempts to continue, but is unable to compete.]

MARTIN [→ stands] : The propositions we now have on the table are a system...

GOOD [from the street] : Be quiet out there. ... There's a meeting going on!.... You!... Move that wagon.... Dogs! ... You get outta here, too!.... ...That's much better. [DELEGATES quietly titter in response, amused, satisfied.]

MARTIN [starting again] : The propositions we now have on the table are a system of slavery for at least ten of the states! Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia have nearly half the votes; they can do as they please without a miraculous union of the rest of us!

LANSING: Yes! The votes ought to be according to the States, not the People!

MADISON: The only proper authority for suffrage is BY THE PEOPLE!  
[to FRANKLIN] It is the only way!

FRANKLIN [aside to WILSON, but interrupts entire proceeding]: I found a snake with two heads in my garden the other day. What if one head should choose to go on one side of the stem of a bush and the other head prefer the other side, and neither of the heads should consent to come back or give way to the other? [WILSON is taken aback, shrugs.]

WILSON: We ARE at an impasse...

SHERMAN [in response to FRANKLIN]: I shall not despair. I hope that some good plan of government may be devised and adopted.

PATERSON: We are partly national and partly federal. Let us not attempt too much and lose everything.

DICKINSON: The smaller states will risk everything rather than part with their sovereignty. I am not a halfway man, but here a halfway good is better than none.

MADISON: The larger states have differing interests. They will not dominate the smaller.

BEDFORD: The plan before us allows four states to dominate nine. They will have the purse and may raise troops, and make a King if they wish!

SHERMAN : I move again that the Second House have equal votes for each state!  
*[YATES, having lost interest, has been distracted, watching OTHER DELEGATES mindlessly shoo away a fly as it makes its way toward him. When it gets close, HE rolls a paper and, clearly without thinking, HE swings – at this moment in the dialog – in the direction of LANSING, who manages to dodge the blow, leaving YATES with an ineffective swat in the air. LANSING and YATES mime a brief tiff as the discussion continues.]*

WILSON: Shall we let one third of the population control the rest?

SHERMAN: The power is given to the few to keep them from being destroyed by the many.

BALDWIN: We are now met to remedy "Confederation" defects. I am here as a representative of a smaller state, but I consider myself as a citizen of the United States, whose general interest I will always support.

GERRY [*→ advancing to Center*]: The present Confederation is dissolving. The fate of the Union will be decided by this Convention. Instead of coming here as a band of brothers, the states are intoxicated with their own sovereignty!

MARTIN [*→ advancing to Center*]: The sovereignty of the states was once understood!

FRANKLIN: The small states contend their liberties are in danger. If equality of states, the larger states say THEY will be in danger.

KING: I can but repeat my amazement that when a just government is within our reach, we renounce that blessing by the viciousness of the separate states. . .

MARTIN [*→ to Center*]: I would never confederate if it could not be done on just principles!

GORHAM : Consider a rupture of the States. Who would suffer most? The small states. Some states, like Delaware, would simply lie at the mercy of Pennsylvania.

BEDFORD [*→ advancing to Center*]: The large states dare not dissolve the Confederation! If they do, the small states will find some foreign ally ...

{RUTLEDGE [*responding while BEDFORD continues*]: Sir!

{BEDFORD : ...who will take them in and do them justice.

DICKINSON, PATERSON, MARTIN, LANSING, YATES : Aye! Aye!

 **23** [ca. 0:55 of scene] **BIG STATES, SMALL STATES underscore 1.9b**

KING : What foreign ally?

BEDFORD : Georgia could be split off by Spain!

BALDWIN [*⇒ angrily going toward Center*] : Never!

MARTIN : While New England could re-ally itself with Old England!

GERRY : Over MY dead body!

BEDFORD : France would take many of us in. We small states – Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey – could find a foreign government who would treat us better than our neighboring dictator states!!

DICKINSON, PATERSON, MARTIN, LANSING, YATES [*not together*] : Aye! Aye!

KING [*⇒ advancing on BEDFORD, a small man versus a large man*] : Now we are called dictators! I can not sit down without taking notice of the language of the honorable gentleman [*gestures at BEDFORD disparagingly*] from Delaware. [*HE turns from BEDFORD.*] I would not EVER, in an intemperate spirit, declare myself ready to court the protection of some foreign land!

BEDFORD [*turns KING at shoulder toward HIM*] : You would not need to. . .

KING [*pushes BEDFORD in chest*] : I would not WANT to!

GORHAM, GERRY, G MORRIS, WILSON, RANDOLPH, PINCKNEY, RUTLEDGE : Aye! Aye!

DICKINSON, PATERSON, MARTIN, LANSING, YATES [*not together*] : You would not NEED to!  
[*Major scuffle degenerating into a shoving match; chaos and confusion among DELEGATES*]

FRANKLIN [*as BEDFORD is ready to reply and escalate the argument, limping between THEM; to WASHINGTON*] :  
Gentlemen, Gentlemen! MISTER PRESIDENT! [*♪ orchestra silences abruptly, as do the DELEGATES.*] We have here melancholy proof of our own want of political wisdom. In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of the present danger, we had daily prayers in this room. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were answered. Do we suspect that God no longer governs in the affairs of men? Or do we imagine that we no longer need the assistance of the Father of All Lights? And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? Shall we forget that Powerful Friend and leave future generations to chance, war, and conquest? I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers be offered on a daily basis.

SHERMAN [*⇒ quickly coming to Center*] : I second that motion! [*Commotion among the DELEGATES.*]

HAMILTON [*amused, somewhat to audience and to LANSING, who laughs, too*] : Talk about involving foreign powers. . .

WILSON : We cannot AFFORD to hire a clergyman. The Convention has no funds!

RANDOLPH [seizing the political opportunity, pointing toward himself] : I move that a Sermon be preached tomorrow! On the fourth of July! The anniversary of our Independence!

FRANKLIN: I second that motion!

SHERMAN [to quickly close the rancorous debate] : I move we adjourn! [ {Commotion among DELEGATES: arguments {"What about the motion?" – PATERSON – shushed by SHERMAN. BEDFORD: {"Did we settle our argument?"}] DICKINSON : It appears Franklin has. . . [to KING as → KING stomps out.]

[WASHINGTON hammers on table for order, but is receiving none; FRANKLIN turns with a smile; SHERMAN is already talking with JENIFER; orchestra begins; WASHINGTON holds hands up, resigned, nods toward SEC JACKSON.]

**24** [0:50-1:35] THEY'LL KILL IT / YANKEE DOODLE GNARLED SET CHANGE w/options.

SEC JACKSON [over the commotion] : We are adjourned!

FIVE small sub-groups of DELEGATES [as if talking among one another, gesturing and glancing toward their respective oppositions, as THEY exit] – lines overlap : {They'll kill it if we let them have their say.  
{They'll kill it if they have their way.

♣ ♪ Lights out and △ start of set change begins during exit, before singing is finished.]

♣ lights out as ♪ singing continues	[0:50-1:35] ♪ <u>YANKEE DOODLE GNARLED SET CHANGE</u>	1.9d
	[2:40] <u>YL AT the INDIAN QUEEN</u>	Act 1: Sc 10a
■ Indian Queen tavern △ chairs, table(s) ♦ mugs, steins, pitchers ⇒ <u>MADISON</u> sitting at a table by himself, <u>SHERMAN</u> at a table with <u>BALDWIN</u> , <u>ST THOMAS</u> , <u>JENIFER</u> , <u>YATES</u> , <u>LANSING</u> , <u>MARTIN</u> . Lively atmosphere. ♣ lights up ⇒ <u>MARTIN</u> and <u>JENIFER</u> are arguing. <u>JENIFER</u> gets up to go sit by <u>SHERMAN</u> , who begins to talk to him, more persuasively than <u>MARTIN</u> .		

**25** YL AT THE INDIAN QUEEN underscore segue from YD GNARLED SET CHANGE  
 [At top of scene people are seated in groups at the tables, telling stories, having a drink, in discussion, etc. Optional: JENNY ADAMS serves; JACOB ADAMS surveys the clientele, then turns to raise a mug in a "cheers" to the audience.]

[⇒ WILSON enters, crosses stage with extra tankard of ale for MADISON.]

WILSON: So, Jemmy, you think to drown your troubles here at the Indian Queen?

MADISON [scowls, looking at SHERMAN'S table]: Can't they see that any plan MUST be based on the Republican principle? On authority from the People? These factions of the multiple states will ruin us.

WILSON: Aagh, 'tis a new thing, it will take them a while to get used to it.

MADISON: Look at Sherman there, politicking even now. . .

WILSON: And Hamilton has embarrassed himself.