

- Author highlights issues with the new constitution and its plan of "nominal" representation
- "the gilded pill is often found to contain the most poison" - Brutus (aka NYT author Robert Yates probably) believes that the new national govt system appears good but has a lot of underlying issues
- Sure you cant expect a perfect govt but the main pillars should be ok
- He doesn't like compromise
- Brutus would want a unicameral legislature

Problems with the Legislature

- Brutus points out that slaves are included in the population when apportioning representatives in the House
- But Why?? He says that this makes no sense because those who are not free have no share/nothing to do in government (cant vote, etc.) so why should the number of reps be increased on their account?
- He says it is most likely because a large amount of the property in these states consists of slaves, but by this logic oxen and horses should also be counted
- Says this idea that property factors in goes against all revolutionary ideas
- Also says it makes no sense that there are 2 senate reps for every state
- Why should a small, unelected, malapportioned senate be permitted to veto any proposal arising in the House? Or have any of its vast powers?
- Doesn't think small states and big states should have the same number of reps
- Brutus says the House is unrepresentative
- How can only 50 men represent all of the vast interests found in the US??
- Says that each class of people (the farmer, merchant, mechanic, "various other orders of people") must be represented according to respective weight and numbers
- 30,000 people per rep, how can this be representative?
- Says it is inevitable that the aristocracy will always be elected ("wealth always creates influence")
- This is because, by the rules of the new constitution, there aren't enough representatives
- Probable that but few of the lower classes would ever have a representation
- Distance between people and reps will be large
- "No security against corruption and undue influence" - the many are at the hands of the few to be oppressed and plundered

Basically: too little reps for too many people. The country is too vast and diverse for such a small number

- "How can the presence of a distant, national govt advance democracy (popular control) over that presently provided by the smaller states' own assemblies?"
- His fears seem to have come true on some levels