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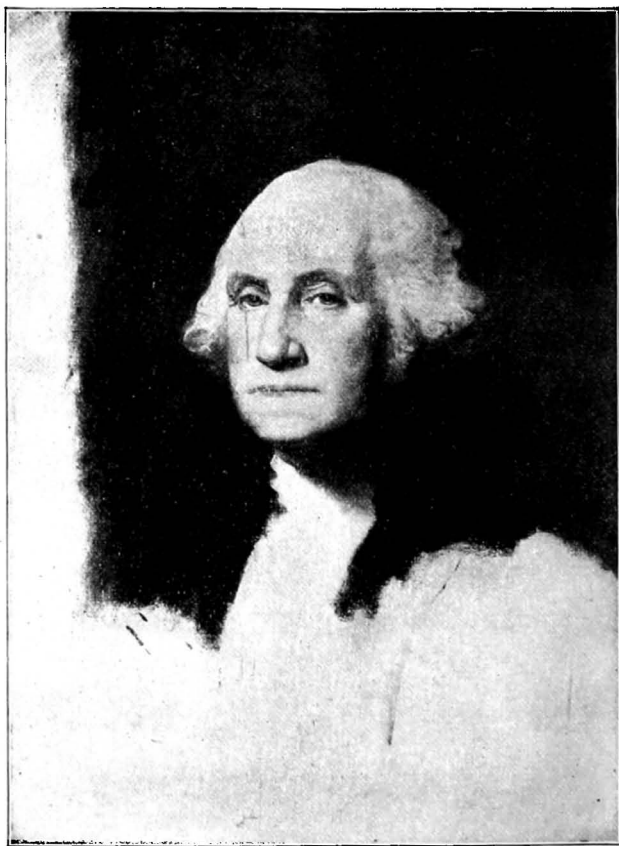
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NEW YORK, *March 11, 1789.*

To the Honorable George Read, Esq.:

Sir—Agreeably to the Constitution of the United States, eight Members of the Senate, and eighteen of the house of Representatives have attended here since the 4th of March. It being of the utmost importance that a Quorum sufficient to proceed to business be assembled as soon as possible, it is the opinion of the Gentlemen of both houses, that information of their situation be immediately communicated to the absent Members.

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