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Monday May 13 was the day fixed for the meeting of the delegates in Convention for revising the federal constitution on that day almost all members from the States were not convened till

Friday 15 of May when the following accidents appeared
see note at

Mr. Robert Morris informed the members assembled that by the instruction in behalf of the delegation of Pa^a. he proposed ~~the~~ George Washington Esq. should be chosen as chief delegate for president of the Convention. Mr. J^r. Rutledge seconded the motion, expressing his confidence that the choice would be unanimous, and desiring that the presence of Gen^l. Washington forbade any discussion on the occasion which might otherwise have been proper.

Washington was accordingly unanimously elected by ballot, and conducted to the chair by Mr. R. Morris and Mr. Rutledge's son, which he thanked in very emphatic manner the Convention for the honor they had conferred on him, ^{reassured them of the novelty} ^{of the business} ^{in which he was to act,} ^{and} ^{expressed} ^{his} ^{gratitude} ^{for} ^{the} ^{indulgence} ^{of} ^{the} ^{House} ^{towards} ^{the} ^{unvoluntary} ^{occurs} ^{which} ^{his} ^{inexperience} ^{might} ^{occasion}.

The nomination came with particular grace from Penna, as ^{as a competitor} ~~Franklin also would have been thought of~~
~~of General Washington~~ The Doct^r. was himself to have made the nomination of General Washington, but the state of the weather and the state of his health confined him to his house.

Mr. Wilson moved that a Secretary ~~be~~ appointed and named Mr. Temple Franklin.
Col. Hamilton nominated Major Jackson.
On the ballot Major Jackson had 5 votes & Mr. Franklin 2 votes
on reading the credentials of the delegates it was noticed that those from Delaware were present
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