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The thirteenth volume of the Madison papers covers one of the fascinating periods in the nation's history, the second and third sessions of the First Con-

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gress, January-August, 1790, and December, 1790-March, 1791, respectively. In the lower house, Madison found himself leading the opposition against the major parts of Alexander Hamilton's financial program to restore the credit of the United States at home and abroad. He believed that the soldiers should be paid part of the interest that the federal government would pay on their original final settlement certificates. He opposed the assumption of the state debts by the federal government and the establishment of a national bank.

The editors have done an excellent job in organizing the documents for this period, listing those that are now either misplaced or lost, establishing a chronology, and, providing useful footnotes.

Besides the important political debates, the Madison papers provide glimpses of Madison and others in multifarious activities, e.g., Madison urging the house members to wear the customary badge of mourning for one month in honor of Benjamin Franklin, and Senator Charles Carroll withdrawing his motion honoring Franklin when he was told it would not pass because of political repercussions in the United States and France. There are glimpses of Madison paying John Trumbull three guineas for prints depicting the Battle of Bunker Hill and the death of General Montgomery at Quebec. Madison listened to and helped General Greene's widow, Catherine, locate her wayward son, George Washington Greene, who was studying under Lafayette's direction in Paris. Madison listened to Quakers and others about the many slave trade petitions.

For North Carolinians there are many references to the state in this volume, e.g., Hermon Husband, Cross Creek, Hillsborough, western lands ceded to the United States, and pay arrearages to its veterans.

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