Brilliant Solution

Chapter Two

p. 30, ¶ 1, line 6 – “The Confederation’s Congress’s charge to the convention had been decidedly – and no doubt purposely – vague.”

p. 30, ¶ 3, sentence 1 and 3 (on next page) – “If it were up to James Madison, the convention would make a second revolution. Eager to see the creation of a new government, and with it a radical redistribution of power in the nation, James Madison had made his way to Philadelphia a full eleven days before the convention was to get under way.”

p. 33, ¶ 1, line 6 – “Notable as many other delegates might be, the commander in chief of the Continental army was the only genuinely national figure attending the convention.”

p. 33, ¶ 1, last sentence – “He knew that the simple presence of George Washington would go further toward winning the approval of the people for the convention’s work than all of Madison’s own learned disquisitions on government reform.”

p. 35, ¶ 2, last sentence – “In the end, Washington followed his own conviction that drastic change was necessary and he was obliged to play a role in seeing that change was made.”

p. 37, ¶ 3, line 3 – “By the time the convention got under way, a solid nationalist coalition of Washington, Madison, Robert Morris, Gouverneur Morris, and the venerable Benjamin Franklin had been created.”

p. 38, ¶ 2, last 2 lines – “He (Franklin) negotiated critical loans of both money and supplies, won French recognition of American independence, and later, as one of the peace commissioners, outfoxed the overconfident English and European diplomats at the Paris talks.”

p. 40, ¶ 4, last line – “Although still a young man, Hamilton was widely acknowledged by friends and enemies alike as exceptional.”

p. 42, ¶ 1, line 4 – “But the most disturbing Hamiltonian stance was his complete disregard for state sovereignty and his willingness – indeed his eagerness – to see the states reduced to little more than functional departments in a national political structure.”

p. 44, ¶ 2, line 4 – “When charge after charge began with a firm affirmation of the sovereignty and independence of state government, the mood of the nationalists surely darkened.”