

## Jefferson in Philadelphia

I read Governor Timothy M. Kaine's address to the Supreme Court of Virginia (page 15, February *Virginia Lawyer*). I was a little confused about his statement that Thomas Jefferson was at the "National Constitutional Convention" in Philadelphia working on the Constitution there. Since the year he was talking about is 1776, it is true that Thomas Jefferson was in Philadelphia at that time, but he was part of the Second Continental Congress that was drafting the Articles of Confederation. What is generally regarded as the Constitutional Convention took place in Philadelphia in 1787. I was not aware until reading the Governor's speech that the events in Philadelphia in 1776 were referred to as the "National Constitutional Convention." Perhaps I am missing some-

thing here. Could you shed any light on his speech in this regard?

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*(Editor's note: The reader is correct. Jefferson was attending the Second Continental Congress, and the Constitutional Convention took place in Philadelphia in 1787.)*

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