

At a meeting of the DEPUTIES appointed by the several counties of the province of MARYLAND, at the city of Annapolis, by adjournment, on the 8th day of December, 1774, and continued till the 12th day of the same month, Were present,

EIGHTY-FIVE MEMBERS.

Mr. JOHN HALL in the Chair. And,

Mr. JOHN DUCKETT, Clerk.

The proceedings of the continental congress were read, considered, and *unanimously* approved.

*Resolved*, That every member of this convention will, and every person in the province ought, strictly and inviolably to observe and carry into execution the association agreed on by the said continental congress.

On motion, *unanimously resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be given, by the chairman, to the gentlemen who represented this province as deputies in the late continental congress, for their faithful discharge of that important trust: And the same was done accordingly.

To increase our flocks of sheep, and thereby promote the woolen manufacture in this province, *Resolved*, That no person ought to kill any lamb, dropt before the first day of May yearly, or other sheep, after the first day of January next, under four years of age.

To increase the manufacture of linen and cotton, *Resolved*, That every planter and farmer ought to raise as much flax, hemp, and cotton, as he conveniently can; and the cultivation thereof is particularly recommended to such inhabitants of this province, whose lands are best adapted to that purpose. And *Resolved*, That no flax-seed of the growth of the present year, ought to be purchased for exportation, after the twelfth day of this month.

It being represented to this convention, that many merchants and traders of this province, from a scarcity of cash to make their remittances, and other causes, had sold their goods, within twelve months next before the twentieth day of October last, at, and sometimes even below, the prime cost; and that, in many different parts of this province, merchants had vended their goods at a very different advance on the prime cost; and it appearing to this convention to be unjust to *compel such merchants to sell* their goods at prime cost, and that one general rule, allowing a reasonable profit to the trader, and preventing him from taking advantage of the scarcity of goods which may be occasion-