

39.— By The | State of Maryland. | A Declaration. | Whereas the General Assembly of Maryland hath heretofore Resolved, "That the Delegates of | this State should be instructed, to remonstrate to the Congress, that this State esteem it essen- | tially necessary for rendering the union lasting, that the United States in Congress assembled | should have tull power to ascertain and fix the western limits of those States, that claim to the | Mississippi or South Sea . . . [signed] John Duckett, | Clerk of the House of Delegates. | . . . R. Ridgely, | C. S. | [Annapolis: Printed by Frederick Green, 1778.]

Folio broadside.

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The Declaration was passed by the General Assembly on December 15, 1778, incorporating the Instructions of Maryland to her delegates in Congress and restating her protest against allowing the benefits of the Western lands to accrue to only some states and not to Maryland. In the Instructions there appears the authorization for printing this Declaration: "That these our sentiments respecting the confederation may be more publicly known and more explicitly and concisely declared, we have drawn up the annexed declaration, which we instruct you to lay before congress, to have it printed, and to deliver to each of the delegates of the other states in congress assembled, copies thereof, signed by yourselves or by such of you as may be present at the time of delivery, to the intent and purpose that the copies aforesaid may be communicated to our brethern of the United States, and the contents of the said declaration taken into their serious and candid consideration." Both documents may be found in W. W. Hening, *The Statutes at Large being a Collection of all the Laws of Virginia*, Richmond, 1822. Vol. X, pp. 549-556. A discussion of the contents and importance of this document can be found in H. B. Adams *Maryland's Influence upon Land Cessions to the United States*, page 27. It is by no means certain that the Declaration was printed in Annapolis, but since it is an item of great importance to Maryland and its printing has not been attributed to any other state, there remains a strong probability that it is a Maryland imprint.

Not in Evans or Sabin.

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40. ——— Laws | Of | Maryland, | Made And Passed | At A | Session Of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday the | seventeenth of March, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight. | [ornamental rule] | [arms of the state] | [ornamental rule] | Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. | [1778.]

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41. ——— Laws | Of | Maryland, | Made And Passed | At A | Session Of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the | eighth of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand | seven hundred and seventy-eight. | [ornamental rule] | [arms of the state] | [ornamental rule] | Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. | [1778.]

Folio. [A]¹, B-C², [D]¹. 6 leaves. No pagination. Text with session heading and running heads. MdHS copy has two blank leaves bound in after text.

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42. ——— [double rule] | Votes and Proceedings | Of The | House of Delegates | Of The | State of Maryland. | October Session, 1777. | Being the First Session of this Assembly. | . . . [Annapolis, Printed by Frederick Green, 1778.]