

MARYLAND.

monument, that will last whilst language is understood by men.

The author of the *declaration* by which independence was promulgated to the world, has just descended to the tomb, full of years and of honors. One only of those whose names were attached to the instrument, remain in the land of the living:—a son of Maryland, CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton. Posterity will estimate with what affectionate veneration every eye at this day is directed towards him.

But in the fervour of feeling inspired by those proud recollections let us not forget what is due to the character of the state, nor to the character of the people whose delegates these great men strictly were. To have been serviceable instruments in effecting a revolution so glorious and eventful, is distinction sufficient for mortal man.—To have been the *author* of American Independence, is an honour which can be claimed for no one man, nor any body of men, short of the American people.

It was the spirit of freedom, that was abroad in the land: it was a knowledge of the rights of man, and a jealousy of the approach of tyranny in any form, that awakened the *spirit of revolution*, not here and there, but every where, as the people of this country, distinguished the insidious form of slavery attempted to be imposed upon them by the British King. It was the prevalence of this feeling, of *Whig Principles*, thro'out the land, that suggested the convocation