

called, and the restrictions therein contained, removed; and that the deputies of said colony, or any three or more of them, be authorised and empowered to concur with the United Colonies, or a majority of them, in declaring the United Colonies free and independent states; in forming such further compact and confederation between them; in making foreign alliances, and in adopting such other measures as shall be adjudged necessary for securing the liberties of America; and that said colonies will hold itself bound by the resolutions of the majority of the united colonies, in the premises; provided, the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police of that colony be reserved to the people thereof."

It is true that the people selected as their agents upon such occasions those from amongst themselves who were most worthy, and who marched in front of danger. It was a delegate from Maryland that electrified congress by first, in debate, pronouncing the fearful and responsible sentence: "I take God to witness this day, that I owe no allegiance to the King of England."

It was another of her deputies, the one yet blessing the state and his country with his paternal prayers and council, who took into that body a share of personal expectations, under the old authorities, had he remained loyal to the King equal to any man, and a larger pledge of property perhaps than any other individual belonging to the Congress. His pledge "of life, property and