

being one of the wisest and most patriotic councils that ever was convened, to promote the welfare of men. Their proceedings were read throughout America with enthusiastic admiration. Their recommendations were revered as revelation, and obeyed as laws of the highest obligation.

A meeting of the deputies appointed by the several counties of the province of Maryland, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the congress, recommended for the ensuing year, was convened at Annapolis, on the 8th December, 1774; and continued by adjournment from day to day, until the 12th of the same month, when it was,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the honorable Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson, junior, Robert Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, John Hall, and Thomas Stone, esqrs. or any three or more of them, be delegates to represent this province, in the next continental congress; and that they, or any three or more of them, have full and ample power to consent and agree to all measures, which such congress shall deem necessary and effectual to obtain a redress of American grievances, and this province bind themselves to execute, to the utmost of their power, all resolutions which the said congress may adopt. And further, if the said congress shall think necessary to adjourn, we