

ert Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, and John Hall, esqs. or any three or more of them, be deputies to represent this province in 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 further, we do authorise our said deputies, to represent and act for this province, in any continental congress, which may be held before the 25th day of March next. (Signed,)

G. DUVALL, Clerk.

Two members were added to the delegation from Maryland, in December 1775, by virtue of similar credentials:—viz: Robert Alexander and John Rogers, esq.

By subsequent instructions from the convention at Annapolis, of the 28th June, 1776, which will be found in a preceding page of this book, the restrictions in the forgoing instructions were removed, and the deputies of Maryland, or any three or more of them, were “authorised and empowered to concur with the other united colonies, or a majority of them, in declaring the united colonies free and independent states,” &c.

A commission, on which two gentlemen from Maryland were employed by congress, at this period, deserves to be noticed:—