

gress until the 4th, when it was finally reported, passed, and ordered to be proclaimed.

We have no document at hand, whereby to ascertain precisely who were present in congress upon the passage of this important measure. The delegation from Maryland, at the time, consisted, as has been shown, of Matthew Tilghman, T. Johnson, jr. R. Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, R. Alexander; and J. Rogers, esq. but which of them were present upon the occasion, does not appear by the journals. The parchment upon which the declaration was made out for the purpose of being signed, was not prepared for some time; and when it was, the same members were not in all cases attending. The consequence is, that several of the Maryland delegation, who were justly entitled to the distinction of having their names upon that document, does not there appear. The names which appear from Maryland, are—

SAMUEL CHASE, WILLIAM PACA, THOMAS STONE, and CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton.

Upon Mr. C. Carroll, of Carrollton's return to Maryland he was added to the Maryland delegation to congress.

On the 18th July, 1776, according to the journals of congress, the delegates from Maryland laid before that body the credentials of a new appointment made by their convention at Annapolis, July 4th. 1776, wherein they name MATTHEW TILGHMAN, THOMAS JOHNSON, WM.