

PACA, SAMUEL CHASE, THOS. STONE, CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton, and ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esqs. or a majority of them, or any three or more of them, to be deputies to represent this colony in congress, in as full and ample a manner as the deputies of this colony might have done under any appointment heretofore made, until the next convention shall make further order therein.

Extract from the minutes:

G. Duvall, clerk.

Heretofore the delegates from Maryland had been chosen by a convention assembled from the respective counties; but the Constitution of Maryland having gone into effect, new appointments of delegates were made, "by joint ballot of both houses," on the 15th February 1777, when Samuel Chase, Benjamin Rumsey, William Smith, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Stone and William Paca, esqs. or any two or more of them" were appointed to act as delegates.

On the 22d December, 1777, the general assembly of Maryland, "*Resolved*, That Samuel Chase, George Plater, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, James Forbes and John Henry, esquires, or any two of them be delegates to represent this state, in congress, for and during the term of one year."

In 1778, William Carmichael and Mr. Smith, were added to the delegation of Maryland.