

Annapolis, May 30, 1774.

A publication of the inclosed protest, supported by a considerable number of the inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, will, it is presumed, furnish the most authentic grounds, for determining the sense of the majority, on a question of the last importance.

WE whose names are subscribed, inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, conceive it our clear right, and most incumbent duty, to express our cordial and explicit disapprobation, of a resolution which was carried by forty-seven against thirty-one at the meeting, held on the 27th instant.

The resolution against which we protest in the face of the world is the following.

"That it is the opinion of this meeting, that, the gentlemen of the law of this province, bring no suit for the recovery of any debt, due from any inhabitant of this province, to any inhabitant of Great-Britain, until the said act be repealed,"

DISSENTIENT,

I. Because we are impressed with a full conviction, that this resolution is founded in treachery, and rashness, in as much as it is big with bankruptcy and ruin, to those inhabitants of Great-Britain, who, relying with unlimited security on our good faith and integrity, have made us masters of their fortunes; condemning them UNHEARD, for not having interposed their influence with parliament in favour of the town of Boston, without duly weighing the force, with which that influence would probably have operated, or whether, in their conduct, they were actuated by wisdom and policy, or by CORRUPTION and AVARICE.

II. Because whilst the inhabitants of Great-Britain are partially despoiled of every legal remedy to recover what is justly due to them. no provision is made, to prevent us from being harassed, by the prosecution of internal suits, but our fortunes and persons are left at the mercy of domestic creditors, without a possibility of extricating ourselves, unless by a general convulsion; an event, in the contemplation of sober reason, replete with horror.

III. Because our credit as a commercial people will expire under the wound; for what confidence can possibly be reposed in those, who shall have exhibited the most avowed and most striking proof, that they are not to be bound by obligations as sacred as human invention can suggest!

Lloyd Dulany, William Cooke, James Tilghman, Anthony Stewart, William Stuart, Charles Stuart, David Stuart, Jonathan Pinkney, William Tuck, Thomas Sparrow, John Green, James Brice, George Gordon, John Chalmers, John Anderson, John Unsworth, James Taylor, William Cayton, George Ranken, Robert Moor, Jonathan Parker, Brite Seleven, John Varndel, John Annis, Robert Ridge, Robert Nixon, Thomas Kirby, William Edwards, Robert Lambert, William Eddis, John Clapham, Elie Vallette, Robert Buchanan, William Noke, James Brooks, Richard Murrow, John Brown, John Hepburn, Colin Campbell, Nathaniel Rofs, William Niven, James Kingsbury, James Barnes, John Sands, James Williams, Joseph Williams, John Howard, William Munroe, John D. Jaquet, John Norris, John Steele, N. Maccubbin, shoem. Thomas Hammond, Thomas Pipeir, Thomas Neal, William Tonry, James M'Kenzie, Nicholas Minty, Martin Water, John Warren, William Chambers, James Clarke, Denton Jacques, Joseph Dowson, Thomas Macken, Richard Eurland, Dan. Dulany, of Dan. R. Mollen, Robert Couden, William Aikman, George French, John Parker, Archibald Smith, Thomas Bonner, Matthias Mae, Alexander M'Donald, David Crinnig, John Timmis, David Atchison, James Maynard, William Harrison, Robert Kirkland, William Ashton, Robert Morrison, Charles Bryan, John Haragan, Hugh Hendley, Richard Thompson, Reverdy Ghiselin, Charles Marckel, John Randall, William Stiff, James Mithell, Charles Roberts, Samuel Skingle, Thomas Stiff, Henry Jackson, William Devenish, James Hackman, Charles Barber, John Evitts, James Maw, Jordan Steiger, Joseph Richards, Edward Owens, Thomas Pryse, J. Wilkinson, Robert Key, Lewis Jones, William Willatt, John King, William Prew, Thomas Towson, William Howard, John Donaldson, Dan. Dulany, of Walter, William Worthington, Thomas B. Hodgkin, William Wilkins, Thomas French, Joseph Selby, William Gordon, Thomas Hyde, John Maconochie, Philip Thomas Lee, John Ball, Samuel Owens, Samuel Ball, Thomas Braithwaite, James Murray, Richard Mackenzie, Michael Wallace, William Hyde, Nathan Hammond, Peter Pfalter, Joseph Browning, Thomas Hincks, Lewis Neth, Edward Dogan, J. H. Anderson, Richard Burt, Henry Horsley, Cornelius Fen-ton, Richard Addams, George Ranken, sen. Edward Wilmot, Robert Lang, George Nicholson, Benjamin Sprigg, John Horton, Charles Wright, Constantine Ball, Amos Edmons, Henry Sibell, Joshua Cross, John Woolford, Sam. H. Howard, Oliver Weeden, Alexander Finlater, Con M'Carty, Jonathan Simpson.