

Congress at Annapolis, the capital of our State, wrapped in a military cloak, the folds of which form an easy and appropriate drapery, whilst the right arm projecting sustains the parchment containing the warrant of authority of the great Captain. The face of the figure presents to the South, or in the direction of the scene of the transaction intended to be represented.

The main column rises from a grand base, the elevation of which is about twenty feet and its diameter fifty feet, there being a door in the centre of each front. On either side of each of these openings is an inscription commemorative of some signal occurrence connected with the eventful history of the life of the founder of our Republic. These inscriptions have just been completed, and the order in which they stand is as follows:

On a tablet in the frieze of each of the four fronts of the grand basement are the words, in letters of an appropriate size—

TO
G E O R G E W A S H I N G T O N ,
 BY THE
S T A T E O F M A R Y L A N D .

As the Statue on the Monument fronts the South and Annapolis, where he resigned his Commission (which he holds out towards that city,) we begin with this front as the principal, and the one first approached from the body of the town by Charles street. On the spaces each side of the door, reading always to the right, are inscribed—

BORN
 22d February
 1732.

DIED
 14 December
 1799.

On the east side, reading still to the right, are these inscriptions—

COMMANDER IN CHIEF
of the
AMERICAN ARMY
 15th June
 1775.

RESIGNED HIS COMMISSION
at
ANNAPOLIS
 23d December
 1783.

On the North side —

TRENTON
 25th December
 1776.

YORK TOWN
 19th October
 1781.

On the West side—

PRESIDENT
of the
UNITED STATES
 4th March
 1789.

RETIRED
to
MOUNT VERNON
 4th March
 1797.

These are the eight most remarkable events of his civil and military life, and it will be seen that they are put in opposition by a