

## 6 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

Your military talents, eminent as they are, form not the most admired part of your character: your inviolable regard to the civil authority, manifested on all occasions, and in situations the most trying, claims the warmest acknowledgments of the guardians of the rights and liberties of the people.

Your great example has diffused its influence throughout the states; your watchful care and attention have been extended in every quarter, and the happy effects are viewed with equal admiration and pleasure in all our military operations, conducted by brave and virtuous officers, and executed by undaunted troops, patient and persevering under accumulated hardships and distress.

Accept, Sir, the sincerest thanks of the legislature on behalf of this state, for your eminent services; with warm and grateful hearts they entertain the highest sense of the great obligations you have laid upon them, obligations which cannot cease, and can only be attempted to be discharged by endeavouring to preserve the memory of those actions by which they were created.

While we pay this just tribute to your Excellency's distinguished merit, we feel a peculiar pleasure in acknowledging the powerful assistance afforded us by our generous ally, the signal proofs of skill and bravery exhibited by his officers and soldiers, and their strict discipline and exemplary behaviour on their march through this state.

We have the greatest satisfaction in congratulating you on the late most glorious success of the allied army under your immediate command; an event which reflects the highest honour upon your Excellency, adds lustre to the allied arms, and affords a rational ground of belief, that under the favour of Divine Providence, the freedom, independence and happiness of America, will shortly be established upon the surest foundation.

Which was read and assented to. Sent to the house of delegates by Edward Lloyd, Esq;  
Messieurs Kent and Gibson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,  
THIS house propose, that the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington should be signed by the president and speaker of the two houses, and presented by a committee of both houses.

By order, F. GREEN, clk.  
Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,  
WE assent to the proposal in your message by Messieurs Kent and Gibson, and have nominated Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, to join any gentlemen you may appoint to present the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.  
Messieurs Wright and Gibson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,  
WE have nominated Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Fitzhugh to join the gentleman mentioned by your honours in presenting the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington.

By order, F. GREEN, clk.  
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 23, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.  
Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, delivers to the president the following answer of his Excellency general Washington to the vote of thanks presented him.

GENTLEMEN,  
I VERY sensibly feel the honour which has this day been conferred upon me by the vote of thanks of so respectable a body as that of the general assembly of the state of Maryland. The regard which they have been pleased to express for me personally—the delicate manner in which they have recalled to view those distant events which, in some degree, led to our present happy situation—and the general approbation which they have generously bestowed upon the whole of my conduct, must ever secure to them my warmest esteem, and must at the same time operate as fresh incentives to merit their future good opinion.