

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.

It is with the highest degree of pleasure I observe that, a proper allowance has been made for the capital share which the land and sea forces of our great and good ally had in the reduction of the common enemy at York, in Virginia.—I should deem myself unpardonable, were I not upon every occasion, more especially upon such an one as the present, to declare, that to the sound counsels and vigorous exertions of their Excellencies the counts de Rochambeau and de Grasse, much, very much of our success was owing.

While I agree in sentiment with the honourable body over whom you preside, that we may entertain 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— I think it a duty incumbent upon me to observe, that those most desirable objects are not to be fully attained but by a continuance of those exertions which have already so greatly humbled the power of our inveterate enemies.—Relaxation upon our part, will give them time to recollect and recover themselves, whereas a vigorous prosecution of the war must inevitably crush their remaining force in these states, or put them to the shameful necessity of entirely withdrawing themselves.

I cannot conclude without expressing my warmest wishes for the prosperity of a state which has ever stood among the foremost in her support of the common cause.—I confess myself under particular obligations for the ready attention which I have experienced to those requisitions which, in the course of my duty, I have occasionally been under the necessity of making.

I have the honour to be, with the most profound respect, gentlemen, your most obedient and humble servant,

G. WASHINGTON.

The honourable GEORGE PLATER,
President of the senate,

The honourable THOMAS COCKEY DEYE,
Speaker of the house of delegates,

} State of Maryland.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same, together with the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington, be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house, That by the certificate of the sheriff of St. Mary's county it appears, that Mr. Uriah Forrest, Mr. John Allen Thomas, Mr. Edmond Plowden, and Mr. James Mills, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Kent county it appears, That Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. James Lloyd, Mr. William Stevenson, and Mr. Marmaduke Tilden, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county it appears, that Mr. Nicholas Worthington, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, and Mr. William Brogden, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Calvert county it appears, that Mr. William Fitzhugh, Mr. Samuel Chew, Mr. Michael Taney, and Mr. William Allein, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Charles county it appears, that Mr. Gerard Blackiston Causin, Mr. John Dent, Mr. Daniel Jenifer, and Mr. Michael Jenifer Stone, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Baltimore county it appears, that Mr. Thomas Cockey Deye, Mr. Charles Ridgely son of William, Mr. John Beale Howard, and Mr. Samuel Worthington, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Talbot county it appears, that Mr. John Gibson, Mr. William Maynadier, Mr. James Hindman, and Mr. Howes Goldsborough, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Cecil county it appears, that Mr. Archibald Job, Mr. Samuel Miller, Mr. Benjamin Brevard, and Mr. William Rowland, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Prince-George's county it appears, that Mr. Walter Bowie, Mr. Josias Beall, Mr. George Frazier Hawkins, and Mr. Thomas Duckett, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county it appears, that Mr. James Kent, Mr. Turbutt Wright, Mr. John Seney, and Mr. Edward De Coursey, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Annapolis it appears, that Mr. Samuel Chase and Mr. Allen Quynn are duly elected and returned delegates for said city. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Worcester county it appears, that Mr. William Morris, Mr. Henry Dennis, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Samuel Handy, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Frederick