Independent Gazette, 17 April 1788 Extract of a letter from Maryland, April 11. " The election for four members to represent the county of Harford in the convention, to meet at Annapolis on the 21st inst. to decide on the new constitution, was closed yesterday about five o'clock in the afternoon, when the poll stood as follows: William Paca, esquire, late governor of John Love, esquire 413 William Pinckney, esquire 410 Luther Martin, esquire, Attorney Ge-B. Rumsey, esquire, chief judge of the: court of appeals 61 Aquila Hall, esquire 65 John Archer, etquire ίo B. E. Hall, esquire, one of the senators 53 The first four candidates pledged themselves to the electors, that if chosen they would never affent to the proposed constitution unless fuch amendments as are necessary to secure and preserve the rights of the respective states and of their citizens shall be previously obtained; the others declared themselves for adopting the fystem and endeavouring afterwards to procure the necessary amendments: the poll was kept open four days to give these last four gentlemen an opportunity of discovering how many of their county-men concurred with them in opinion. Mr. Martin only arrived in Harford county on Saturday evening before the election, and meeting the electors on Monday morning at the place where the election was held, N. M'Comals, esquire, one of the candidates, with a liberality of sentiment which will ever do him honor, declined, in order that Mr. Martin might be elected for that county. On yesterday evening also the election ended for Baltimore county at the close of which the poll Rood as follows: Charles Ridgley, esquire 676 charles Ridgley, of William, efq. 673 Edward Cockey, efquire 639 Nathan Cromwell, elquire 627 Harry Dorsey Gough, esquire 1.92 James Gettings, esquire 183, John Eager Howard, efq. 172 John Cradock, efq. 171. same opposition of sentiment existed The and was declared between the candidates for Baltimore county, as between those of Harford. The great and decided majority, in each county, in favour of the candidates who declared in opposition to the new constitution, must evince to the world, in the strongest manner, the sense of those two counties. I am also this moment informed by good authority, that the friends of the proposed system have received a total defeat in Anne Arundel county, and that on the

close of that poll there was a majority in favour of Jeremiah Townley Chase, Samuel Chase, John F. Mercer, and Benjamin Harrison, esquires, who sirmly concur in sentiment with the members for Baltimore and Harsord counties."