

County of Pasquotank, having found ourselves under the disagreeable Necessity of withdrawing from the said Meeting, and being denied the Justice of having our Reasons entered on the Journals of their Proceedings (that is, by an express Refusal to the Representatives for Currituck, which was the only Cause that those for Pasquotank did not apply) have only this Resource left for vindicating our Conduct to the World, and rescuing the Character of a Gentleman we greatly esteem from undeserved Obliguy and Reproach. The Facts, upon which the Necessity we were unhappily reduced to was founded, are simply these:

Upon its being moved and seconded in the Course of the Business of the said Convention, that a Vote should pass, expressing a high Approbation of the Continental Association, Mr Thomas Macknight, a Representative for the County of Currituck aforesaid, got up and declared, that he was greatly concerned he could not heartily concur in the Vote proposed to be past, on Account of particular Circumstances in his Situation which obliged him to dislike some Part of the Association; that he owed a Debt in Britain, which