

me of an earlier opportunity of acknowledging the favor of your address. But a testimony of kindness so flattering to me, and a display of philanthropy so honorable to yourselves, will be forever remembered with gratitude and respect.

"The great objects of a free government must be to establish civil and religious liberty; to preserve public order; and to cultivate the blessings of peace. As an officer of the government, therefore, feeling the obligation to pursue those objects with incessant vigilance, it is peculiarly pleasing to me to receive assurances of cooperation from the members of a society whose moral conduct (not less than their theoretical [theological?] opinions) is well adapted to promote 'Peace on earth, and good will toward men'.

"Accept, my friends, a cordial wish for your happiness individually, and for the general prosperity of the society to which you belong.

"Thomas McKean."

Resolution on the Death of Charles Carroll, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

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CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton, Md., the last survivor of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, died in Baltimore, November 14th, 1832, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. For many years Mr. Carroll was regarded by the people of this country with the greatest veneration. When Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died July 4th, 1826, he became the sole representative of that noble band of patriots who stood sponsor at the baptism in blood of our infant Republic. Incidentally, Mr. Carroll was the only Roman Catholic who affixed his signature to the immortal document.

A meeting of the officers of the Fourth Division of the Pennsylvania militia, convened at the hotel of Capt. D. Miller, in Lancaster, on December 24th, 1832, for the purpose of taking measures to express their sense of loss at the decease of Mr. Carroll and to set forth their high appreciation of his public character and private virtues.¹ Col. John McLaughlin was called to the chair, and Col. A. B. Kauffman was appointed secretary. General A. Diller offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the officers now convened, in connection with the whole American people, cannot but express their great regret at the loss which the nation has sustained in the death of Charles Carroll, the last of that glorious band who gave the first impulse to our efforts for independence; and as an evidence of their high respect for his great services and elevated character, they will wear crape on the hilt of their swords for sixty days."

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 11th, 1833.