

" that the delegates of this province ought to  
 " be instructed, not to consent to any plan of  
 " confederation which may be offered in an  
 " ensuing congress, until the same shall be laid  
 " before and approved by the provincial con-  
 " gress. That the present association ought  
 " to be relied on for bringing about a recon-  
 " ciliation with the parent state, and a further  
 " confederacy ought only to be adopted in  
 " *case of the last necessity.*" The committee  
 (of the assembly of Pennsylvania sitting at Phi-  
 ladelphia 9th Nov. 1775) appointed to pre-  
 pare and bring in a draught of instructions for  
 the delegates of that province in congress, re-  
 ported an essay for that purpose, which being  
 read and considered, was agreed to by the  
 house, and is as follows, viz.

" Gentlemen,

" The trust reposed in you is of such a na-  
 " ture, and the modes of executing it may be  
 " so diversified in the course of your delibera-  
 " tions that it is scarcely possible to give you  
 " particular instructions respecting it. We  
 " therefore in general direct that you, or any  
 " four of you, meet in congress the delegates of  
 " the several colonies now assembled in this city,  
 " and any such delegates as may meet in con-  
 " gress the next year, that you consult toge-  
 " ther on the present critical and alarming state  
 " of public affairs, that you may exert your  
 " utmost endeavours to agree upon and re-  
 " commend such measures as you shall judge  
 " to afford the best prospect of obtaining re-  
 " dress of American grievances, and restoring  
 " that