

lina. It appears that New York was the central post from which communications were despatched, to and from the east, and to the south as far as Maryland; which province was the channel of communication to and from its neighbors of Virginia and the Carolinas.

As the post-offices were under the control of the government, and the riders not at all times reliable, the committee of New York (and probably the other provinces adopted the same course), upon extraordinary occasions, despatched intelligence by special messengers; and if need were, a part of their members visited in person the neighboring associations, to ensure the perfect organization of the patriotic league.

The New York Association had a correspondent in London, to whom an account was given of their proceedings, and from whom intelligence was from time to time transmitted, of the proceedings and the supposed designs of the Ministry, which was disseminated among the people by the association at home. A record of the names of the most active of the leaders, would be a desirable document; but as this would be difficult to be obtained, without great labor, and, perhaps, by a single individual impossible; a list of the committees in the different provinces, so far as they can be ascertained from the remaining papers of the committee of New York, might be the means of initiating inquiry in other quarters towards producing the desired effect.

Those from Maryland will appear from the following extract from "The Proceedings of the Sons of Liberty, March 1, 1766."

The Sons of Liberty of Baltimore county and Anne Arundel county, met at the Court House of the city of Annapolis, the first day of March, 1766.

On motion of a Son of Liberty, to appoint a moderator and secretary, the Rev. Andrew Lendrum was chosen moderator, and William Paca, secretary.

Joseph Nicholson, from Kent county, presented an address from that county, signed Wm. Ringgold, Wm. Stephenson,