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company, or in idle and profane conversation, succeeded by a night of deep condemnation and horror. - A return to company and amusement, was the usual, though ineffectual resource for quietting those uneasy feelings, and counteracting these heavenly visitations, which in one state of the mind will be hailed as inexpressibly precious, whilst in another, they will be viewed with aversion. - Thus in alternations of disobedience and remorse, he continued until the year 1766, when he entered into the married state.

From this time ambition for distinction in the world took possession of his mind, and the conjuncture of circum-

stances which soon after occurred, was 173
favourable to the growth and development of such feelings. - During the ferment, which about that time began to agitate these United States, then British Colonies, and which eventuated in the revolutionary war, he was carried along with the popular current: and having been present at a general meeting of the county, called on occasion of the alleged public grievances, he was chosen a delegate for the first convention of this state, held at Annapolis, which he attended, and the proceedings adopted by that body, appearing in his view, not to be inconsistent with the principles professed by friends, received his support. -