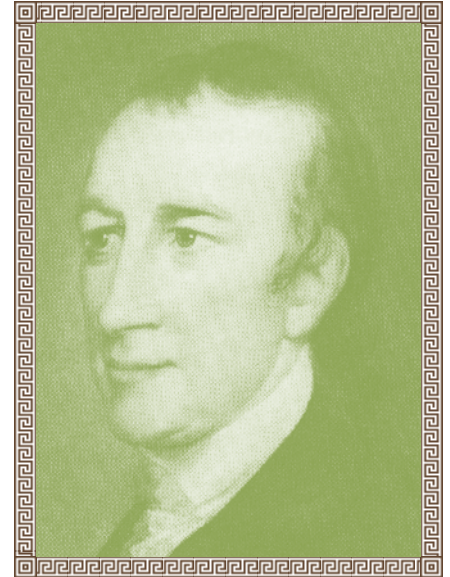


THOMAS STONE



STATE - Maryland

AGE - 33 (Born: 1743)

HOME - Charles County, Maryland

EDUCATION - Tutors, Law School

FAMILY - 1 Marriage, 3 Children

JOBS BEFORE CONGRESS - Lawyer, Planter

WHAT HE IS LIKE - Wealthy, Conservative, Shy, Peace Lover

WHERE TO FIND HIM IN PHILADELPHIA - In the background

BEFORE THE CONGRESS Thomas Stone was the oldest son of a wealthy plantation owner and grew up in Maryland. He was educated by tutors. He studied law with a lawyer in Annapolis, Maryland. When he returned home, Stone became a lawyer and built a large estate. He entered politics and although he agreed with the Patriots he did not want war with England and hoped that the problem would be solved peacefully.

AT THE CONGRESS Thomas Stone arrived at the Continental Congress in 1774. Stone was not a strong supporter of independence and although he signed the Declaration of Independence he still hoped for peace negotiations with the British.

DATE OF DEATH 10/5/1787, (44 Years Old)

THOMAS STONE

CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: You are undecided about Thomas Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration of Independence. You do not want a war with the British, but in the end you vote for independence. When some delegates object to passages in the Declaration that talks badly of the British People and others object to the passage that is critical of slavery, you agree that the two passages should be taken out of Jefferson's Draft of the Declaration.

FINAL VOTING: When the final vote is called to accept the Declaration of Independence you stand and say: *I, had trouble making up my mind but I, Thomas Stone of Maryland, now vote for the Declaration of Independence.*

Tho: Stone