

stock belonging to the State, which was pledged for the temporary loans made to the Treasury, during the past year, and again have dissented therefrom.

This is a very unfavorable time for the sale of bank stock, and a sale of it, if possible, to be avoided. The effect of throwing into the market so much bank stock at this time, would be greatly to depreciate that which is already very much below par. It is desirable too, if possible, to retain this stock, in order to defray the current expenses of the government, and avoid the necessity of having recourse for that purpose to taxation.

We are equally impressed with you, with the necessity of preserving the faith of the State inviolate, but we should think that a sale at this time of stock which is giving good dividends, and if disposed of now, would produce but little money, would not enable the State to pay its loans.

We trust that the bill which authorises the creditor banks to issue orders upon the Treasury, will enable those institutions in this way to pay, if not the whole, very much of the debts due to them, and we rely on the patriotism of our citizens to enable the Treasury to fulfil the State engagements by the prompt payment of their taxes.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Mr. Randall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following

#### REPORT :

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the engrossed bills of the House of Delegates, from number 77 to number 230 inclusive, from number 270 to number 307 inclusive, and from number 316 to number 330 inclusive, and the engrossed resolutions from number 8 to number 54 inclusive, and compared the same with the originals as passed by the Legislature, since the commencement of the present session, and that they have found the same to be truly engrossed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. W. RANDALL, Chairman.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

The clerk of the Senate delivered engrossed bills of the Senate, from number 231 to number 269 inclusive, from number 308 to number 315 inclusive, and from number 331 to number 336 inclusive, and an engrossed resolution of the Senate number 1;

Which were severally read, assented to and returned to the Senate.

The engrossed bills of the House of Delegates from number 77 to number 230 inclusive, from number 270 to number 307 inclusive, and from number 316 to number 330 inclusive, and engrossed resolutions of the House of Delegates, from number 8 to number 54 inclusive;

Were severally read, assented to and sent to the Senate.