

Ordered, That the committee on Claims, pay William McNeir, printer to the Senate, five hundred dollars upon his account of printing for the present session.

Which was twice read,

Mr. Kilgour moved to refer said order to the committee on Claims ;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put upon the adoption of the order, and

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Causin chairman of the select committee, to which was referred so much of the Executive message, as relates to the assumption of State debts by the General Government, delivered the following report.

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Which was read.

Mr. Thomas, of Talbot, submitted the following order :

Which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal, that Messrs. Thomas, Ligon and McKaig, dissent from the report of the committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor, message, as relates to the assumption of State debts, and that they will hereafter make a counter report.

Mr. Reeder submitted the following resolutions :

Which he offered as a substitute for the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee.

Resolved. That the power to pay the debts of the State is no were granted in the Federal Constitution, and the exercise of such a power by the General Government, would be a violation of the Constitution, a usurpation of the rights of the States, and highly pernicious in its tendency.

Resolved, That the Government of the State of Maryland is clothed with those powers only which have not been delegated to the General Government, and that instructions to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, would constitute a usurpation of the authority of Congress, and an assumption by the State of that supremacy of the laws of Congress which was delegated by the adoption of the Federal Constitution.

Resolved, That Congress has no power to issue or to cause to be issued, paper as money, except as the representation of gold and silver coined, and to issue it or to cause it to be issued, as the representation of the value of land or any other object than gold and silver, would constitute a deliberate, dangerous and palpable violation of the Federal Constitution.

Resolved, That the assumption of the debts of the States according to the plan of the Hon. Wm. Cost Johnson, is opposed to the organic character of man, calculated to distract and divide the public mind, to weaken the intensity of local attachment, and would thence be highly productive of immoral consequences ;