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167. Gentlemen, Agreeably to the request of the
General Assembly of Virginia. I take the earliest
opportunity of laying before you, their letter and
resolutions, respecting the right of the Citizens of the
United States, to hear the debates of the Federal
Senate, when acting in their Legislative capacity
I have the Honor to be
The Honble
The Genl Assembly. J. E. Howard

In Council Decemr. 15. 1790.

168. Gentlemen, We have the Honor to lay before you a letter
and account, presented to this Board by Samuel Street Esq
Agent for Mich^l Van Staphorst, respecting the loan ne-
gotiated with them by the late Mr. Ridley. Although
the Resolutions of the Legislature on that Subject may seem
to authorize us to continue the payment of Interest we
think that the suit lately instituted in this case has so
far changed the nature of the business as to render
it improper for us to make any further payments
while the Assembly is present to take explicit order
in it, and we have accordingly declined giving an
order on the Treasury unless it should be so directed
by the Legislature. We have the Honor to be
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