

late the value thereof, nor ascertain the sums and expences necessary for the defence and welfare of the united states, or any of them, nor emit bills, nor borrow money on the credit of the united states, nor appropriate money, nor agree upon the number of vessels of war, to be built or purchased, or the number of land or sea forces to be raised, nor appoint a commander in chief of the army or navy, unless nine states assent to the same: Nor shall a question on any other point, except for a journeying from day to day, be determined, unless by the votes of a majority of the united states in congress assembled.

The congress of the united states shall have power to adjourn to any time within the year, and to any place within the united states, so that no period of adjournment be for a longer duration than the space of six months, and shall publish the journal of their proceedings monthly, except such parts thereof relating to treaties, alliances, or military operations, as in their judgment require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the delegates of each state, on any question, shall be entered on the journal, when it is desired by any delegate; and the delegates of a state, or any of them, at his or their request, shall be furnished with a transcript of the said journal, except such parts as are above excepted, to lay before the legislatures of the several states.

Art. X. The committee of the states, or any nine of them, shall be authorized to execute, in the recess of congress, such of the powers of congress as the united states in congress assembled, by the consent of nine states, shall from time to time think expedient to vest them with; provided that no power be delegated to the said committee, for the exercise of which, by the articles of confederation, the voice of nine states in the congress of the united states assembled is requisite.

Art. XI. Canada acceding to this confederation, and joining in the measures of the united states, shall be admitted into, and entitled to all the advantages of this union: But no other colony shall be admitted into the same, unless such admission be agreed to by nine states.

Art. XII. All bills of credit emitted, monies borrowed and debts contracted by, or under the authority of congress, before the assembling of the united states, in pursuance of the present confederation, shall be deemed and considered as a charge against the united states, for payment and satisfaction whereof the said united states, and the public faith are hereby solemnly pledged.

Art. XIII. Every state shall abide by the determinations of the united states in congress assembled, on all questions which by this confederation are submitted to them. And the articles of this confederation shall be inviolably observed by every state, and the union shall be perpetual; nor shall any alteration at any time hereafter be made in any of them; unless such alteration be agreed to in a congress of the united states, and be afterwards confirmed by the legislatures of every state.

THESE articles shall be proposed to the legislatures of all the United States, to be considered, and if approved of by them, they are advised to authorize their delegates to ratify the same in the congress of the united states; which being done, the same shall become conclusive.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bill, No. 12, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was read and assented to, the paper bill so endorsed and sent to the senate, by Mr. H. Wilson and Mr. M'Pherson.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Berryman, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

On motion, the question was put, That the consideration of the articles of confederation and perpetual union between the united states be referred till the next session of assembly? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Hammond, Fitzhugh, Somervail,	Smoot, Henry, Deye,	Ridgely, Stevenson, Contee,	Benson, Kent,	Earle, Wright,	A. Hall, Burgess.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Ford, Read, Plowden, Maxwell, J. Hall, Worthington,	Tillard, Chew, Turner, Sommes, M'Pherson, Forbes,	Maddux, Strawbridge, Winder, Ward, Alexander, West,	Bowie, Magruder, Brice, Quynn, Edelen,	Young, H. Wilson, Bond, Smithson, Douglass,	Smith, Chase, Sprigg, Williams, Crabb.
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The following message,

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE are desirous of proceeding to the consideration of the articles of confederation and perpetual union, but as our deliberations and determination thereon can be productive of nothing conclusive