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January next, for the Purpose of considering the Expediency and Practicability of limiting the Price of Merchandise, Provisions and Labour, and of agreeing to the same, should they judge it necessary, in such Manner as may be best adapted to the Situation and Circumstances of this State; and that the Commissioners, to be appointed by this State, report their Proceedings to the next General Assembly for Confirmation if deemed proper.

2<sup>d</sup> That as the great Number of Purchasers, under a Variety of Characters, has tended to create the very high and exorbitant Price of Grain and other Provisions necessary for the Army, the Conference are of Opinion, that no Person whatever be admitted to purchase within this State any Grain or other Provisions, except the Commissary General and his Deputies duly authorised, and that the latter ought to be limited as to their Number and District by the General Assembly

3<sup>d</sup> That as your Conference are satisfied great Quantities of the Articles last mentioned have been purchased up, contrary to, and in Evasion of, the Laws in Existence, the same should be seized under such Restrictions and Limitations of Price as the General Assembly may think proper for the Use and Benefit of this State, and that proper Measures should be immediately adopted for that Purpose.

4<sup>th</sup> That a Power be given to the Governor and the Council, if they shall judge it absolutely necessary for the Subsistence of the Army of the United States, to commission direct Agents properly qualified to take into their Possession any Grain or other Provision, that may be found in the Possession of any Person, more than is necessary for the Support of themselves and Family for one Year, who shall refuse to sell the same for the Current Price, the said Price to be paid to the Owner or Possessor on taking the said Provisions out of their Possession.

5<sup>th</sup> That there is Reason to believe that sundry Persons in this State have withheld and refused to sell their Wheat and other Grain of the Growth of the preceding Years, by Means whereof the Fly and other destructive Vermin have been increased and produced, to the great Detriment of the Public, and that, to remedy the Evils arising from such a Conduct, a Power be lodged in the Agents to be appointed as above mentioned to seize the same, giving to the Holders one half of the Current Price.

6<sup>th</sup> That a Law be immediately enacted, to prohibit the distilling of Grain of any kind, to continue until the End of the next Session of Assembly; and as the Exactions of this State alone will not have all the desired Effects to prevent the Evils arising from this pernicious Practice, the Conference are of Opinion, that Letters to the several adjacent States be sent under the Authority of the General Assembly, urging the Necessity of similar Measures being adopted by them.

7<sup>th</sup> That for the immediate Supply of Cloathing, Blankets, Shoes, and other Necessaries for the Use of the Troops of this State in the Army, the Governor and Council be requested to use their utmost Endeavours to procure the same by Purchase; and for that Purpose be empowered to draw on the Treasury of this State for such Sums of Money as may be necessary; and for the future Supplies of Cloathing and other Necessaries for our Quota of Troops, and for the Supply of Salt for this State, that they be earnestly requested to exert their Powers in the Importation and purchasing of such Articles on the best Terms, by reporting the Produce of this or any of the United States. Signed per Order W. Bridgely C. Secy

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till To Morrow Morning 9 o'Clock