

To the Honorable the House of Delegates
The humble petition & Remonstrance of
Charles Carroll

Sheweth that during the last Session of Assembly he presented a Petition to the Legislature praying repeal or Amendment of an act of Assembly intitled,

"an act to make the bills of credit issued by Congress & the
"bills of Credit emitted by acts of Assembly and the Resolves
of the late Conventions a legal tender in all cases,

That on the 13th of last November his said petition being read a second time in the House of Delegates, he was permitted by the House to speak in support of it, and that he left in writing what he had spoken on the Table, to prevent any misconstruction or misrepresentation thereof, and that the members might have an opportunity of considering coolly & deliberately the force of the reasons contained in both.

That the House of Delegates on the 14th Novem^r. took the said Petition & Speech into consideration, and came to a Resolution thereon, which Resolution with the former Petition & written argument in support thereof, your Petitioner hath herunto annexed.

That no man in this State is more sensible of the respect due to its Legislature, or more ready & willing to pay that respect than your Petitioner, and therefore he was greatly surprised & mortified at hearing his Petition & Speech censured by the House of Delegates as highly indecent & justly exceptionable.

In a free government every citizen hath a right of censuring public men & public measures; without such a right, ^{it is} frequent exercise thereof no government will long remain free. By the 11th article of our Declaration of Rights.