

debtors from paying their debts, and strips Creditors of their property, on a supposition not proved, and incapable of proof, because not true. That a repeal of the law would be injurious to the cause of America and destructive of public credit.

Your Petitioner humbly thinks that in his former petition, & speech in support of it, he truly set forth a sufficient number of unquestionable facts supported by unanswerable reasons to induce the Legislature to repeal or amend the tender law: as the truth of his allegations have <sup>not</sup> been questioned; as the reasons in support of them remain unanswered, and are, in his opinion, unanswerable; as he hath clearly shewed (as he conceives) the Resolution of the House of Delegates to be founded on groundless suppositions, and therefore inconclusive, he hath annexed <sup>to</sup> the present his former petition, & speech, hoping the Legislature will take the whole into their serious, candid & dispassionate consideration.

Your Petitioner further sheweth that the injustice of the tender law is daily increasing; for exchange for sterling which in last Novemb<sup>r</sup> was was from 5 to 600  $\text{ff}$  is now or was lately, as your Petitioner is informed above  $\text{£}1000$   $\text{ff}$ ; goods by whole sale have sold at above 3000  $\text{ff}$ ; are not these manifest and melancholy tokens that the credit of the paper currencies is almost sunk to nothing? yet a law subsists obliging Creditors, who for  $\text{£}100$  sterling can purchase  $\text{£}1000$  Currency, to take  $\text{£}166.13.4$  in discharge of debts of one hundred pounds sterling contracted before the passing of the act; may it not therefore be justly stiled a law to rob them.

The Resolution of the house being founded, as hath already been proved, only on erroneous assertions & suppositions, your Petitioner appeals to the good sense and consciences of the Delegates whether such a foundation can justify the continuance of the law. The injustice flowing from the law is self evident, while the necessity of it is only attempted to be justified by naked assertions, and suppositions destitute of proof; and such your petitioner must take the liberty of