

preserving every part of our constitution, and the necessity of continuing that freedom of deliberation to the two houses, so essential to legislation, call on us to do it.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, May 8, 1780:

May it please your HONOURS,

WE adhere to our opinion relative to the bill, entitled, An act for bringing into the treasury the sum of twenty million five hundred and forty thousand dollars, and sinking the same, according to the requisition of congress, expressed in our message of Saturday, and return it for your honours to endorse thereon your assent or dissent, as you may think proper.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

By the SENATE, May 10, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

NOT having been able to prevail with you to separate the clauses, pledging the faith of this state to pay the convention money and state certificates without abatement or discount, and to make the new bills of credit a legal tender, from the bill, entitled, An act for bringing into the treasury the sum of twenty million five hundred and forty thousand dollars, and sinking the same, according to the requisition of congress, by the mode we judged most agreeable to our constitution, we return it with our negative; and as on a past occasion, far less important than the present, the house of delegates did, at the request of the senate, separate the parts of a bill, sent up for their deliberation, into two distinct bills, we have the greater reason to hope that you will now pursue a similar conduct, and send distinct bills, upon such principles as you may think proper.

It may not be improper to point out on this occasion, for your consideration, some very material objections to the plan of your bill, for bringing into the treasury our proportion of the continental debt, in the present circulating continental bills, and exchanging them for the new bills, to be issued under the resolves of congress of the 18th of March last.