

induce our people to place confidence in, and to receive them at the value of specie, will be defeated.

We are willing to revise the present tender law, and to amend the same, in such manner as may be most agreeable to the principles of universal justice; some provision is necessary for the case of merchants and other persons who have received their debts from the planters and farmers in obedience to the tender law, and from a desire to support the credit of the continental money, and who are indebted to absentees or merchants, who have no factors in this state. Justice requires, that those who have received the continental emissions for their sterling or current money debts, contracted before the depreciation, should not be deprived of the power of paying their old debts to their creditors by composition in the same money, as far as they have received, and no farther ought they to desire, nor would we permit. Other cases which may appear to merit the attention of the general assembly, shall be considered on the revision. Nothing but the want of time prevents our attention to the subject at this session, which will probably conclude tomorrow, beyond which we do not expect to keep a sufficient number of members to compose a house. Your honours may be assured that this house will make the revision of the tender law the first business of the next session, and we believe no great inconveniences will happen in the mean time, as this house will not allow any debts contracted antecedent to a time to be agreed upon by the two houses to be extinguished by a tender after this day, unless in the cases above mentioned. This house propose to adjourn to the twentieth day of August next.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

By the SENATE, May 16, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

AFTER much time had been spent between the two houses upon your bill for bringing into the treasury the sum of twenty millions five hundred and forty thousand dollars, and sinking the same, according to the requisition of congress, and you declined to answer our reasoning for striking out the two clauses objected to, as being unconstitutionally connected,