

connected, you called for our assent or dissent to the bill, and not being at liberty to propose amendments, we were forced into a dissent; but considering the extreme urgency of affairs, we thought it proper, at the same time we rejected your bill, to propose, that if you would separate the clauses, we would pass the bill, though we had objections to many other parts, and proposed further to confer with members from your house on the subject of making the new bills a legal tender, upon just and equal principles, provided the same was connected with a revision and proper alteration of the present tender law: to this proposal you acceded, and after what was done in consequence thereof, we are surprised to find, that, with the bill now sent us for sinking the quota of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, different from the former bill only in the title, you have again blended the clause for making the new bills of credit a legal tender, and that it was accompanied with a message, only promising to revise the present tender law at the next session of assembly, and engaging not to allow any tender hereafter made, except such as you mention, and others which may merit the attention of the general assembly.

Thus, after spending many days to no purpose, we find ourselves just in the situation we were in at first, except that you have not inserted the clause for pledging the faith of this state for the redemption of the convention bills of credit, and the state loan-office certificates, without abatement or discount, and our objection to your first bill, grounded upon the 11th article of the constitution, is not removed by the present bill; this article secures to the senate the liberty of decision on all bills, and a right to propose amendments, except to money bills, and has wisely provided "That the senate may be at full and perfect liberty, to exercise their judgments in passing laws, and they may not be compelled by the house of delegates either to reject a money bill, which the emergency of affairs may require, or to assent to some other act of legislation, in their conscience and judgment injurious to the public welfare, the house of delegates shall not, on any occasion, or under any pretence, annex to or blend with a money bill any matter, clause, or thing, not immediately relating to, and necessary for, the imposing, assessing, levying, or applying, the taxes or supplies to be raised