

by the situation to which you have reduced us: we hope, however, our countrymen will, as our consciences do, acquit us of blame. The war we are engaged in is just and necessary, and is carried on for the safety and happiness of America; and yet, by refusing to comply with the requisition of congress, unless we will consent to what, in our opinion, is an unconstitutional tack to your money bill, and were it to pass into a law might be most unjust and oppressive, it would seem to a stranger, that you considered us as carrying on an unjust war for our own aggrandisement, and the consequences of which did not at all affect you. This idea is as foreign from the truth, as is any supposition, that being interested in debts formerly contracted, we are therefore desirous to oppress those who may be in debt, to profit ourselves; the imputed motive is disgraceful; but fact will not support an application of it to this house by malevolence itself, for a majority of the senate are but little interested in the collection of old debts.

We hope, whatever you may do with the bill now sent you, that our delegation in congress at least will be attended to; there are now but five members, and we are apprehensive, if some addition is not made, this state will frequently be without a representation in the general council. Instructions to our delegates, upon the conduct to be pursued by them with respect to the western lands and other important subjects, we esteem very necessary at this juncture, and notwithstanding the session has lasted so long, we earnestly wish you to continue some time longer to complete the very important and necessary business which still remains to be done, and which, if left undone, may involve this state in great difficulties, and injure the whole union. But if you are determined to break up the session, and leave unfinished these important matters, we propose to adjourn to Monday the 1st of June.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.