

The Appeal of the senate, and of this house is now made to you as to the propriety and necessity of an emission of *paper money circulated on loan, for the purpose of enabling you to pay the heavy but necessary taxes for the support of your own and the federal government*; and we wish you to express your sentiments to both branches of your legislature. Under the present circumstances of our trade, and the heavy incumbrance of your debts to the state and individuals, we are of opinion, that you cannot annually pay, and that too constantly and perpetually, the sum of £116,000 in *gold and silver*. As the imposing taxes on you must always originate in this house, we were apprehensive if we laid such heavy taxes on you, payable *only in gold and silver*, which we think is very scarce, and bears no proportion to the amount of the taxes, that you would compare us to the Egyptian task-masters who compelled the Israelites to make bricks without straw. If you entertain a different opinion from us, and think you can pay the necessary taxes *in gold and silver*, be pleased to signify your pleasure, and we will immediately proceed to pass laws for the collecting the sums necessary for the support of this government, and also to defray your proportion of the charges of the federal union.

Signed by order of the House of Delegates,

THOMAS CÖCKEY DEYE, Speaker,

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