

Your committee beg leave to report

YOUR COMMITTEE BEG LEAVE TO REPORT,——

THAT they consider the confederation as a compact between sovereignties for mutual good.

That the union under authority of that compact has a right to demand the services stipulated to be performed by each state expressed by the articles of the said compact.

That the first claim which the whole has on its parts is to comply with the formation of the sovereignty, as a compliance therewith, is essential to the execution of the purposes of the confederation.

That the states have a right to appoint their delegates, subject to the qualifications of the fifth article of the confederation, as they may please.

That such appointments being made conformable to the confederation, and being accepted by receipt of the credentials of said appointment constitutes the delegate, that is, a person authorised to take his seat in Congress; that such delegate failing to attend the duties of his office subjects himself to be represented to his country as an unworthy servant, and his constituents become responsible to the union for the delays and evils which may ensue from such neglect.

That a delegate having taken his seat in Congress, has no right to withdraw himself from Congress without permission obtained, unless recalled by the state he represents.