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**Virginia, to wit: GENERAL ASSEMBLY** begun and held at the Capitol in the city of **RICHMOND**, on **MONDAY** the fifteenth day of **OCTOBER**, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

**AN ACT** *Concerning the CONVENTION to be held in June next.*

**PASSED DECEMBER 12th, 1787. WHEREAS** it is provided by a resolution of the twenty fifth day of *October* last, that the proceedings of the Foederal Convention be submitted to a Convention of the People for their full, and free investigation, discussion and decision; but no provision hath been made for ascertaining the privileges or defraying the expences of the Members of the said Convention during their session and travelling to and from the same,

*BE it therefore enacted by the General Assembly*, that the Members of the said State Convention, chosen in conformity to the said resolution of the twenty fifth day of *October* last, shall have, possess, and enjoy, in the most full and ample manner, all and every the privilege and privileges which Members elected to, and attending on, the General Assembly, are entitled to. And moreover shall be allowed the same pay for travelling to, attending on, and returning home, the said Convention, as is allowed to Members of the General Assembly for travelling to, attending on, and returning from the same.

*BE it further enacted*, That the said Convention shall be and they are hereby empowered to make such reasonable allowances to the officers of the said Convention for their services as shall be by the said Convention deemed necessary.

**AND WHEREAS** it is essential to the safety and happiness of the people of this and other states in the union, that the most friendly sentiments towards each other should be cherished, and the greatest unanimity should prevail at all times, but more particularly

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during the deliberations concerning the great and important change of government which hath been proposed by the Foederal Convention, and it is necessary to make provision for the payment of such reasonable expences as may be incurred, in case the Convention to meet in this state on the first *Monday in June* next, should deem it necessary to hold any communications with any of the sister states or the Conventions thereof which may be then met, or should in any other manner incur any expence in collecting the sentiments of the Union respecting the proposed Foederal Constitution in such manner as to keep up that friendly intercourse and preserve that unanimity respecting any great change of government, which it is the duty and wish of this Legislature to promote and cherish, *Be it therefore enacted*, that a sum of money not exceeding eight thousand pounds shall be reserved in the treasury subject to the order and disposal of the Convention appointed to meet in the city of *Richmond* on the first *Monday in June* next, for defraying the expences of the Members thereof, or any other expences as before mentioned, and that such money shall be made good from the funds now appropriated, or which may hereafter be appropriated, to the support of civil government, and provided the said fund should by any means prove deficient, then such deficiency shall be made good from any unappropriated money in the treasury.