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It is with Concern we are obliged to speak of the Wants and Demands of Government. By the Act November Session 1781 to raise the Supplies for 1782 the whole Specific Tax was appropriated in the first Instance for the Payment of one Years Interest on adjusted Certificates, and by the same Act a large Sum of Money was appropriated for necessitous Creditors to be raised by the Sale of Specifics then on Hand: By an Act October Session 1778 the Orphans Courts are directed to provide for disabled Soldiers by Draughts on the Treasury, and by a Resolve of Congress, Soldiers unfit for Duty discharged from the Service, are entitled to five Dollars per Month for Life, in Lieu of Rations and all other Demands: By a Resolution passed at the Close of the last Session, Specifics were ordered to be

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sold to pay of the Arrearages of the Barge Equipment amounting nearly to twelve hundred pounds, and by an Act of the same Session the Civil List was directed to be paid off in Quarterly Payments. Great and pressing as these Demands are the whole Amount of Monies lodged in the Treasury for upwards of six Months past, to be applied in discharging them do not exceed five hundred Pounds, and we humbly submit to the Consideration of the General Assembly, whether it would not more become the Justice, Honor, and Dignity of Government to direct an immediate Sale of Specifics on hand, and with the Monies pay the Public Demands, than to retain, merely in hopes of a rising Market, a large Quantity of Wheat, and upwards of One thousand Hogsheads of Tobacco, when in the mean Time the Demands of Government are uncomplied with, the Public Claims unpaid, Creditors disappointed, chagrined and every Day obliged to sustain additional wrong and Injury, the Solemn Engagements of the Legislature suspended, its public Faith brought into Question, and your Executive reduced to the most humiliating Condition, and exposed to the most Mortifying Animadversions and Censures.—

We take the Liberty of Recommending a Revision as early as possible, of our Criminal Law: Nothing can be of more Consequence to Government than that the Laws affecting the Lives of it's Citizens should be reduced to the utmost certainty and that Punishments be regulated by the Degrees of Criminality: And we beg Leave to suggest as the most effectual Means to obtain a well digested System to commit this Business into the Hands of a Select number of eminent Gentlemen of the Law.—

The importance of Trade and Commerce to a Country is so universally understood, and acknowledged that no Arguments need be offered to shew they are objects which call for every public Encouragement. Peace opens to us the most extended prospects, and the Task is yours to seize the present Opportunity of making such Commercial Improvements as may lay a Permanent Foundation to make this a great, Happy, and flourishing Country. The Act of Assembly which relates to our Shipping and Registers requires an immediate Change and Amendment.