

and much fallacy of argument. It was our wish at first, and nothing now remains but to refer the subject to the consideration of another session, not because your reasoning is unanswerable, but because the intention of both houses to rise this evening, will not admit of such an answer as might otherwise well be given. We propose to adjourn to the 29th day of March next.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

*An ACT for the seizure and confiscation of British property.*

WHEREAS Great-Britain commenced and still prosecutes the present unjust war against these United States, upon the principle that they are revolted states and in rebellion, thereby subjecting the property of the people of these states to seizure and confiscation: And whereas the British navy and other British armed vessels have seized the property of the people of these states found on the high seas, which property so seized has been condemned: And whereas the British army have seized, in this and other of the United States, the negroes, grain, cattle, and other goods, of the people thereof, which property so seized they have carried off and appropriated as they thought fit: And whereas the said British army have committed outrages and devastations upon the landed property of the people of these states, in laying waste their farms, destroying their crops, burning their houses, and setting fire to several considerable towns and reducing them to ashes, by which destruction of the personal and landed property within the states, a great number of fellow-citizens are now suffering the calamities necessarily arising from such conduct, repugnant to the law and practice of civilised nations: And whereas by the declaration of independence, all political connection between Great-Britain and these states was dissolved, and the subjects of Great-Britain declared enemies in war, and in peace friends: And whereas by the law of nations, the subjects of Great-Britain, in their separate and collective capacity, are answerable, not only for all expences incurred by this state in consequence of the war, but for any injury or damage sustained by any of the subjects of this state