

[Rob^t Harrison, Dorchester County, to His Excellency
Tho^s Sim Lee]

February 8

Having for some years past held the Several Offices of Magistrate, Col^l of Militia, and Commissioner of the Tax, which offices I have endeavoured hitherto to discharge with the utmost degree of fidelity tho with exceeding great inconvenience to my own private concerns; And whereas the late Assembly have greatly increased the business of the Commissioners of the Tax, and my own Domestic affairs requiring much more time and attention than heretofore; I find it absolutely impossible for me (unless I cou'd afford to devote the principal part of my time to the Public Service) to discharge the several duties required of me by the public Commissions which I now hold, with that punctuality that is necessary for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in me, Therefore I beg leave to resign my Colonels Commission, that, being the only one in my power to give up; for reasons too obvious to mention: And as I cou'd not prevail on Lieut^t Hooper to receive it from me, I take the liberty to inclose it to your Excellency, and beg leave to assure you, that I am still Zealously disposed to promote the Public service as far as I am able in the narrow sphere in which I move; (and much farther than my present circumstances will admit of) when ever my services can be rendered useful.

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

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Your Excellency will receive enclosed, two important resolves of Congress of the 3^d & 7th Instant recommending it to the several States as indispensably necessary, that they vest a Power in Congress to levy for the Use of the United States, a Duty of five per cent, ad Valorem at the Time & Place of Importation, upon all Goods, Wares & Merchandize of foreign Growth & Manufacture which may be imported into any of the said States, from any foreign Port, Island or Plantation after the first Day of May 1781, except Arms &c. as therein expressed. Also a like Duty on all Prizes & Prize Goods.

The Monies arising from the said Duties to be appropriated to the Discharge of the Principal & Interest of the Debts already contracted or which may be contracted on the Faith of the United States, for supporting the present War, and the Duties continued until the said Debts are finally discharged

You will observe from the Tenor of the resolves that if any one or more of the States immediately pass a Law vesting in Congress the Powers requested, it cannot take Effect or operate to any Purpose until all the States that are not prevented by the Events of the War shall have passed similar Laws. That is, at present, all the States except South Carolina & Georgia; and when all the other