

FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Hooe,	Mr. Love,	Mr. Thomas,
Harrison,	Dallam,	Murray,
Somerville,	Sluby,	Richardson,
Stull,	Ringgold,	Mason,
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Whereas, the united colonies have been reduced to the fatal necessity of taking up arms, in defence of their indubitable and inestimable rights and liberties; and whereas several of the inhabitants of this colony, lost to every generous sentiment of liberty, and of love to their country and posterity, have kept up a traiterous correspondence with, and supplied the British troops and navy with provisions, and some of them have joined in arms, and others have acted as pilots on board the enemy's ships and vessels, whereby the safety and liberties of this and our sister colonies may be endangered; therefore,

Resolved, That if any inhabitant of this colony shall, after the fifth day of August next, within or without this colony, or any person whatever, being an inhabitant of any other of the united colonies, shall within this colony, after the said fifth day of August next, levy war against the united colonies, or any of them, or shall adhere to any person or persons bearing arms or employed in the service of Great Britain against the united colonies, or any of them; or shall afford such persons, or any of them, any aid or comfort, or shall give them, or any of them, or any subject of Great Britain, any intelligence of the warlike preparations or designs of the united colonies, or any of them; such person, on conviction thereof by a petit jury, after a presentiment by a grand jury, in a court to be erected in this colony by the next convention, for the trial of such offenders, shall suffer death without benefit of clergy, and forfeit all estate which he had at the time of the commission of the crime, to be applied to the use of this colony, unless such convicted person shall be pardoned by the person or persons invested with the power of granting pardons for such offences.

Resolved, That the several offences aforesaid shall receive the same constructions that have been given by the judges in England to such of the said offences as are enumerated in the statute of Edward the III., commonly called the statute of treasons.

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