

- 1st Because the King of Great Britain by his Proclamation declared, and that Parliament of that Nation by Statute pronounced, the People of this State to be in Rebellion; for which Cause by the Law of that Kingdom, the Property of the People here, who had been active and concerned in the present glorious Revolution, would have been liable to Forfeiture and Confiscation, and at the Mercy of the cruel and tyrannical Monarch of Great Britain. To deter one Nation from commencing and waging an unjust War with another, the Risque and Consequences ought to be equal.
- 2^d Because the Parliament of Great Britain by Statute declared the Property of the People of this State, found and taken by any of the Subjects of that Nation on the high Seas, liable to Seizure and Confiscation, and in consequence thereof considerable Property of the Subjects of this State hath been seized on the high Seas and confiscated.
- 3^d Because considerable Property of the Subjects of this State hath been seized within the State & applied to the Use of the British Army or Navy, or wantonly destroyed within the State by the Fleets and Armies of the King of Great Britain.
- 4th Because the King and Parliament of Great Britain commenced and continue to prosecute, an unjust War against the People of the United States, whereby this State hath been involved in a very great Expence, and by the Law of Nations, the People of Great Britain, in their separate and collective Capacity, are answerable for not only all Expences incurred by this State in consequence of the War, but for any Injury or Damage sustained by any of the Subjects of the State since the Commencement of the War. Wherefore your Committee are of Opinion, Justice and the Practice of Nations justify the making Deposits, seizing & confiscating all British Property.
- 5th Because this State, compelled by the Tyranny of the King of Great Britain and the open Hostilities committed by his Fleets and Armies, to wage War in Defense of its Rights, was finally obliged to separate from the British Empire, and to become a sovereign and independent State, whereby the Subjects of Great Britain became Aliens & Enemies to this State, & as such incapable of holding any Property within it, & the same became thereby forfeited in the State.
- 6th Because it is not in the Power of this State to raise the sum necessary to carry on the defence itself in the present just & necessary War, without compelling many of its Subjects to sell & dispose of their Property to raise the Taxes. Wherefore the Committee are of Opinion, that Justice, Policy, and Necessity, dictate the Propriety of first selling and applying British Property towards defraying the Expences of the War.

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that of the sum required by Congress, five Million two hundred & twenty thousand Dollars be raised by the Sale of British Property, and that one Million five hundred and eighty thousand Dollars be paid into the Continental Treasury, on or before the first day of February next.

- 11th That it is the Opinion of the Committee that the sum required monthly by Congress be paid into the continental Treasury, agreeable to the Requisition, and that any Deficiency be made up out of the Money arising from the Sale of British Property.
- 12th That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that the Debt due from this State be discharged as soon as may be out of the Money arising from the Sale of British Property.
- 13th That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an additional Tax of 6^{rs} be imposed on every Ordinary License granted in the Years 1780 and 1781, and that an additional sum of 5/3⁰ be imposed on every Marriage License granted in the Year 1780 or 1781; and a Tax of 7-10, in lieu of all Taxes be imposed on every free able bodied male Person within this State above 21 Years of Age not having a family, and whose Property shall not be assessed at 20.
- 14th That it is the Opinion of the Committee that the sum estimated & required of this State by Congress is or over and beyond its proper Quota or Proportion of the sum required to be raised by the United States. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House. Signed Order Committee
W. W. Sherborn & Co.

Which was read the fifth Time and ordered to lie on the Table