

that the new bills be put into circulation as soon as possible. Under this impression we sent you the bill to confiscate British property (debts excepted) to the use of the state, subject to the disposition of the general assembly. We wish not to dispose of any part of it, unless the two houses should agree to sell that which may be perishable, or unprofitable; but our desire is to pledge that property (or as much as may be necessary) with the profits, as a specific fund for the redemption of the new emissions, in specie, agreeable to the resolve of congress of the 18th of March last. With the application of British property, we are of opinion, this state can comply, in substance, with the two requisitions of congress, and without the aid of that property we really fear it will be impracticable, if not impossible. The important and necessary business of the session therefore waits your honours decision on the bill for confiscation, and as the same has been above a week before you, and the subject long since under your consideration, we request your honours to give your determination, with as much expedition as the importance of the subject and the present urgency of our affairs require.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

*An ACT for the security of this state and the subjects thereof, and for other purposes.*

WHEREAS the king and parliament of Great-Britain began, and continue to prosecute a cruel and unjust war against the people of this and the other United States, upon the pretence of their being in rebellion: And whereas this state and the subjects thereof have property to considerable amount in Great-Britain; within the power of the said king and parliament: And whereas sundry persons in Great-Britain claim property of considerable value within this state, and it is right and proper that every reasonable security for the claims of this state, and the subjects thereof, be taken and retained, and also that the subjects of, and residents in Great-Britain, who claim property within this state, make their election within a reasonable time after notice, and become subjects of this state and amenable to its laws, or by neglecting