

enable us to carry on the war. In addition to what we have already communicated to your honours on this subject, we would observe, that we would agree to appropriate, in the first place, as much of the confiscated property as would be necessary to indemnify any of our citizens, for any debts due them from the subjects of Great-Britain, for any money they may have in the public funds, or for any estate they are entitled to in that kingdom, which they may lose in consequence of the war and our seizing the property proposed, and we mean a full indemnification by a satisfaction of equal value. We are willing to except from confiscation the property of any person the two houses may agree, from their merit or services, deserve the notice and interposition of the legislature.

The question who are subjects of Great-Britain we are willing to leave to the present judges, or to a judicature or office or escheat to be erected. The absentees are not noticed in the bill. If any of them are properly the subjects of Great-Britain, they will be included, otherwise not. We are desirous of appropriating as much of the late proprietary's vacant and ungranted land as may be necessary to furnish our officers and soldiers with the bounty promised them; we would propose to sell the perishable and unprofitable part of the confiscated property, and immediately apply it in aid of the taxes, and the residue, we would mortgage it as a fund for the redemption of our bills of credit. We have been thus explicit, that our intentions and conduct on this subject may be fully known and understood. As we sincerely wish to preserve harmony and confidence between the two houses, we wish your honours to weigh our propositions, to consider the very heavy taxes, the extreme exigency of our public affairs, our present situation of defence, and means of carrying on the war; and we earnestly solicit your assistance to extricate our common country from the difficulties and distress in which it is involved, and which must encrease, unless effectual measures are adopted at this present session of assembly.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

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