

than deserters from his Majesty's army; these he carried away in irons, but afterwards released: That he permitted the Indians to carry into their country several others, natives of the United States, for purposes unknown: That during the time of their captivity, not half food was allowed the prisoners; they were continually insulted, buffeted, and ill-treated by the savages; and when the first parties of them were carried off from the shore, to be delivered to General Arnold, balls of mud were fired, and at the last parties, musket balls."

Whereupon the Congress came to the following resolutions:

"That all acts contrary to good faith, the laws of nature, or the customs of civilized nations, done by the officers and soldiers of his Britannic Majesty, by foreigners or savages taken into his service, are to be considered as done by his orders, unless indemnification be made in cases which admit indemnifications; and in all other cases, unless immediate and effective measures be taken by him or his officers, for bringing to condign punishment, the authors, abettors, and perpetrators of the act.

"Resolved,