

Saturday, Three o'Clock, P. M. April 23d, 1785.
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"Whereas a Committee of Congress, to whom was referred a Memorial from the Merchants of the City of *New York*, setting forth the peculiar Losses they have sustained during the late War, by their Exertions to support the Credit of the Paper Currency, did report, that they had taken the said Memorial into Consideration, and had weighed the Subject Matter with that degree of Attention which an Application from so respectable a Class of Citizens deserved: That they were impressed with a thorough Conviction of the heavy Losses they had sustained during the late War, from the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, Loan Office Certificates, and other Public Securities: That when, in Addition to such Losses they contemplated the Merit of those who suffered them, it could not but increase their Concern that the Power of Relief was not within the Compass of the federal Resources, without making a Discrimination between them and other Citizens in different Parts of the Union, who have sustained Losses of the same Nature, and in a similar Extent; but that while they viewed such Discrimination, as inconsistent with the Principles of private Justice and the public Interest, and under that Impression forbore to advise it, they entertained so strong a Sense of the Losses sustained by the Memorialists, and their Claims to every degree of Attention, that they deemed it expedient to recommend them to the Notice of the Legislature of this State. Whereupon Congress did resolve, That the Claims of the said Memorialists be referred to the Legislature of this State; and that it be recommended to them to make such Provision for the Memorialists as they might judge proper, in Consideration of their Merits.

And whereas this House are fully sensible of the heavy Losses to which the aforementioned Memorialists have been exposed, by Reason of the Depreciation of the Paper Currency, and of their Exertions to support the Freedom and Independance of this Country; and that their Claims justly merit the Attention of the Legislature; but as an Adjournment

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