

tage, by investing their Paper Money in Bills of Exchange and Articles of Produce; and moreover as a Consideration for the Purpose of restoring Peace to the *United States*, the Memorialists are, by the Definitive Treaty, subjected to the Payment of the Claims of their *British* Creditors, when by the Reasons aforesaid, as well as others expressed in their Memorial, they are in many Instances rendered incapable of doing so: And that the Committee are further of Opinion, That not only as Merchants, but as Inhabitants of the State of *New York*, which was the first Place within the *United States* where the *British* Fleets and Armies commenced their Operations in Force against the Country; the Memorialists were called upon previous to any other Class of Citizens, to make Sacrifices of their Property for the Support of the common Cause of the *United States*, and that therefore the Committee had agreed to, and directed him to report the following Resolution, *viz.*

*Resolved*, (if the Honorable the Senate concur herein) That the Legislature entertain the highest Sense of the patriotic Exertions of Messrs. *Henry Remsen*, *James Beckman*, and others, Merchants of the State of *New York*, who have been in Exile during the late War; and of the Justice upon which the Claims, as set forth in their Memorial, presented to the Legislature the 20th of last *April*, are founded, yet as the *United States* at large have derived equal Advantages from the Sacrifices of Property which they have been called upon to make for the Preservation of the Liberties of *America*, the Application of the Memorialists ought to be made to the *United States* in Congress assembled; and to that Honorable Body the Case of the said Memorialists is by this Legislature most earnestly recommended.

*Resolved*, That this House do concur with the Committee in the said Report and Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Malcom* and Mr. *N. Smith* deliver a Copy of the preceding Resolution to the Honorable the Senate for Concurrence.

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