

By the United States of Congress Assembled.

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Resolved,

That the Secretary for Foreign Affairs be and he is hereby directed to obtain as speedily as possible authentic Returns of the Slaves and other Property which have been carried off or destroyed in the Course of the War by the Enemy and to Transmitt the same to the Minister Plenipotentiary for negotiating a Peace.

Resolved,

That in the mean Time the Secretary for Foreign Affairs inform the said Ministers that many thousand Slaves and other Property to a very great Amount have been carried off or destroyed by the Enemy, and that in the Opinion of Congress the great loss of Property which the Citizens of the United States have sustained by the Enemy, would be considered by the several States as an Inseparable Bar to their making Restitution or Indemnification.

To the former Owners of property  
which has been or may be forfeited  
to or confiscated by any of the States.

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