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The United States in Congress Assembled  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1781

The committee to whom was referred the Memorial from Mr. Marbois Charge des Affairs of France delivered in a report, whereupon it was resolved as follows

Whereas it has been represented to the United States in Congress Assembled that there are many french seamen subjects of his most Christian Majesty in the United States employed on board armed and other Vessels in the service of the said States or the Citizens thereof; and whereas it has also been represented that the said seamen are necessary for compleatly manning the Squadron under the Count De Barras; All Officers therefore commanding armed or other Vessels under commissions from the United States in Congress Assembled are hereby ordered and directed immediately to deliver to the said Count De Barras or to any person or persons by him appointed to receive the same, all french seamen subjects of his said Majesty, who are, or may be entered on board their Vessels respectively, And if any Officer commissioned

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Commissioned as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse  
complying with this order, he shall forfeit his  
commission and be subject to such other punish-  
ment as to right shall appertain. And it is ear-  
nestly recommended to the Legislatures and  
Executives of the several States to give effectual  
aid and support for the executing this order  
and also for delivering to the Count De Barras  
all french seamen as aforesaid that may be  
otherwise employed within their respective  
Jurisdictions. — —

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