

In Congress Feb. 27 81

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the several States as indispensibly necessary that they vest a power in Congress to levy for the use of the United States a duty of five per cent ad valorem at the time and place of importation upon all goods, wares and merchandises of foreign growth and manufactures which may be imported into any of the said States from any foreign port, island or plantation after the first day of May 1781 except arms ammunition cloathing and other articles imported on account of the United States or any of them; and except wool cards and Cotton cards and wire for making them and also except salt during the war.

Also a like duty of five per cent on all prizes and prize goods condemned in the court of Admiralty of any of these States as lawful prize.

That the monies arising from the said duties be appropriated to the discharge of the principal and interest of the debts already contracted or which may be contracted on the faith

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faith of the United States for supporting the
present war.

That the said duties be continued until the
said debt shall be fully and finally discharged.

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