

In Congress, Feb. 9th 1778.

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Resolved,

That it be recommended to the supreme executive powers of every State, to give attention to the conduct & behaviour of all continental officers, civil or military, in the execution of their respective offices;

That the said executive powers be authorized to suspend from pay & employment for misbehaviour or neglect of duty within their respective States, any officer of the staff or other civil officer aforesaid, not immediately appointed by Congress, & to make a temporary appointment in his place, if necessary; & to remove such of the said civil officers as shall appear to be supernumerary, forthwith reporting in either case their proceedings to Congress.

That in case of any reprehensible conduct in any other officer of the United States, it be recommended to the executive powers aforesaid to enquire into the circumstances of the case, & if in a civil officer appointed by Congress, to transmit an account thereof to Congress, if in a military officer, to lay the same as soon as possible before the commander in chief, or commanding officer of the department.

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several States, to enact laws for the most speed-

By effectual recovery of debts due to the United States
of America

Extract from the minutes
Chas. Thompson Secy

New Hampshire

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