

By

The United States in Congress assembled.

June 21, 1792.

relative to trading  
with the Enemy.

On the Report of a Committee to whom was  
recommitted their report on a motion of Mr Madison  
Congress passed the following Act -

Whereas the Enemy  
having renounced the hope of accomplishing  
their designs against the United States by force  
alone are resorting to every expedient which may  
tend to corrupt the patriotism of their Citizens  
or to weaken the foundations of the public credit,  
and in pursuance of this policy are encouraging  
to the utmost a clandestine traffic between the Inha-  
bitants of this country & those who reside within the  
Garrisons & places therein now in their possession: And  
Whereas some of the said Inhabitants prompted  
either by a sordid attachment to gain or by a secret  
conspiracy with the Enemies of their Country are  
wickedly engaged in carrying on this illicit traffic  
whereby a market is provided for British &  
Merchandizes

Merchandizes, the circulating Specie is exported from the United States, the payment of taxes is rendered more difficult & burdensome to the People at large and great discouragement occasioned to honest & lawful Commerce. —

Resolved That it be and hereby is recommended to the Legislatures of the several States to adopt the most efficacious Measures for suppressing all traffic & illicit intercourse between their respective Citizens & the Enemy. —

Resolved That the Legislatures or in case of their recess the Executives of the several States be earnestly requested to impress by every means in their power on their <sup>respective</sup> Citizens at large the baneful consequences apprehended by Congress from a continuance of <sup>this</sup> illicit and infamous traffic & the necessity of their co-operating with the public measures by such United Patriotic & vigilant exertions as will detect & bring to legal punishment those who shall have been in any manner concerned therein. — Chatham on Jersey