

4 We are likewise convinced that unless the property of the
 Country is preserved and vested in the thirteen States and the
 superintending power over it be lodged in Congress that some of
 those States with large numbers of their people pressed by
 the weight of Taxes to quit their native Country, and invited to
 exchange them for new Settlements by the certainty of cheap
 purchases and of being relieved from their present heavy
 and encumbering burthens.

Thus convinced we should betray the trust reposed in us
 by our Constituents, were we to authorize you to ratify on
 their behalf the Confederation unless it be further explained.
 We have coolly and dispassionately considered the subject;
 we have weighed probable inconveniences and hardships
 against the sacrifice of just and essential Rights. And
 do instruct you not to agree to the Confederation unless
 an Article or Articles be added thereto in conformity with
 our Declaration; ~~should we succeed in obtaining such~~
 Article or Articles then you are hereby fully empowered to
 accede to the Confederation.

That these our sentiments respecting the Confederation
 may be more publicly known and more explicitly and
 concisely declared we have drawn up the annexed
 Declaration, which we instruct you to lay before
 Congress, to have it printed, and to deliver to each of the
 Delegates