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The United States in Congress Assembled

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Whereas it must conduce to the preservation of Public Credit and the equal distribution of Justice that the amount of the National debt be ascertained with the utmost expedition; and as delay in the settlement of Accounts tends to render them obscure and to encourage frauds by preventing the means of detecting them —

Resolved That all Persons having unliquidated Claims against the United States be and they are hereby required within twelve months from the date hereof to deliver a particular abstract of such Claims to some Commissioner in the State in which they respectively reside, who is authorised to settle Accounts against the United States; and any Person or Persons neglecting to deliver their Claims as aforesaid shall be precluded from any adjustment of the same, except at the Board of Treasury; provided that in those States where there is no Commissioner of Accounts, the Citizens of such State or States shall be allowed one Year for delivering their Claims from the time when a Commissioner shall have been appointed and enter on the duties of his Office —

That all Persons who shall neglect to deliver in a particular abstract of their Claims as aforesaid shall be excluded from the benefit of settlement or allowance —

Chas Thomson Secy

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.