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Whereas the exportation of provisions from these States hath occasioned much difficulty in procuring supplies for our Armies; and, by the capture of vessels concerned in such exportation, the Armies of the enemy have been freed from distresses, that would have greatly embar=rassed their operations; And whereas for the easy supply of our Armies, & to embarrass & distress the enemy, it is absolutely necessary an embargo should be immediately laid, to prohibit such exportations; and as, from the dis=tance of the States from Congress, and the different pe=riods of assembling their legislatures, the good end of such embargo would be wholly frustrated, should Congress not proceed to impose the embargo; Therefore

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Resolved, That an embargo be, and it hereby is laid, to prohibit the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock & other provisions from any of these United States from & after the tenth day of June instant, until the fifteenth day of November next, unless sooner revoked by Congress. Provided that this embargo shall not be construed to prevent the taking on board such provision as shall be necessary for the stores only of any ships or vessels of war or others trading to & from these States.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the respective States to take the most effectual measures for carrying the foregoing resolution into immediate execution.

Extract from the minutes

Chas Thomson Secy