(142) In Congress; 17th June 1778

Whereas many letters addressed to individuals of these United States, have been lately received from England through the conveyance of the enemy, & some of them, which have been under the inspection of members of Congress, are found to contain ideas insidiously calculated to divide & delude the good people of these States;

Resolved, That it be, & it is hereby earnestly recommended to the legislative & executive authorities of the several States, to exercise the utmost care & vigilance, & take the most effectual measures to put a stop to so dangerous & criminal a correspondence.

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Resolved, That the Commander in chief, & the commanders in each & every military department be, & he & they are hereby directed to carry the measures recommended in the above resolution into the most effectual execution.

Extract from the minutes;
Chas Thomson Sec