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By the united States in Congress assembled July 12th. 1781.

The committee to whom was referred the Memorial from Mr. Marbois Chargé des Affairs of France delivered in as Report, whereupon it was resolved as follows,

Whereas it has been represented to the united States in Congress assembled, that there are many french Seamen Subjects of his most Christian Majesty in the United States employed on Board armed and other Vessels in the Service of the said States or the Citizens thereof: And Whereas it has also been represented that the said Seamen are necessary for compleatly manning the Squadron under the Count de Barras, All Officers therefore commanding armed or other Vessels under Commissions from the united States in Congress assembled are hereby ordered and directed immediately to deliver to the said Count de Barras or to any Person or Persons by him appointed to receive the same all french Seamen Subjects of his said Majesty, who are or may be entered on Board their Vessels respectively, And if any Officer commissioned as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse complying with this Order he shall forfeit his Commission and be subject to such other Punishment as to right shall appertain. And it is earnestly recommended to the Legislatures and Executives of the several States to give effectual Aid and Support for the Execution of this Order, and also for delivering to the Count de Barras all french Seamen as aforesaid that may be otherwise employed within their respective Jurisdictions.

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