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BY THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

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ARCHIVES
OF THE STATE OF
MARYLAND.

RESOLVED,

THAT the quartermaſter-general, commiſſary of purchaſes, commiſſary of iſſues, commiſſary of forage, and all the late heads of departments or their ſucceſſors or agents, be required without delay, to forward to the board of treaſury or to the comptroller, a liſt of their reſpective deputies who have been duly authoriſed to iſſue certificates. That the heads of departments aforeſaid, and each of their deputies who have not ſettled their accounts, and all other perſons who have iſſued certificates of debts due by the United States, loan office certificates, and certificates of final ſettlement excepted, be required forthwith to deliver to the board of treaſury, or to ſome commiſſioner of accounts in the ſtate where ſuch perſons reſide, a fair abſtract of all the certificates which they have iſſued, and they ſhall ſpecify thoſe certificates for which they have taken receipts as for caſh paid, and a copy of thoſe abſtracts ſhall be tranſmitted by the board of treaſury to the ſeveral commiſſioners of accounts, to whom they may be of uſe in detecting frauds.

That a copy of theſe reſolutions be publiſhed in the gazettes or public newspapers of the ſeveral ſtates, and that if any perſon or perſons ſo required as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect for the ſpace of two months from ſuch publication, to deliver a full and juſt account of the certificates, he or they have iſſued, the board of treaſury, or in caſe it is not at the time organized, the comptroller ſhall take proper ſteps for cauſing him or them to be proſecuted according to law.

RESOLVED, That the commiſſioners of accounts be inſtructed, to be careful how they admit charges againſt the United States, on certificates which are not duly ſupported by the authority of Congreſs, and the accounts of the officers who have iſſued them.

Cha Thomson Sec'y