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Proclamation.

By the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled.

ARCHIVES
OF THE STATE OF
MARYLAND.

WHEREAS Information has been received from the Comptroller of the Treasury, that various Certificates of Final Settlement issued by the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of the Army, to the Officers and Soldiers of the United States, have been counterfeited by some fraudulent and wicked Persons, by erasing the Sums for which they were first given, and inserting others to a much greater Amount. And whereas it is expedient, that the most effectual Steps should be taken, to detect a Villainy so injurious to the Interest of the Citizens of these States, and destructive of Public Credit; the United States in Congress assembled have deemed it necessary to offer, and do hereby promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS to any Person or Persons, who shall discover and make known the Person or Persons guilty of the said Forgery, or his or their Accomplices, so that he or they may be legally convicted. And that the most [illegible] and effectual Check may be given to a Crime tending in its Consequences so materially to effect the Credit of the said Certificates, and the Interest of the United States; they do hereby recommend it to the Executives of the different States, to be aiding and assisting in discovering and apprehending the Author or Authors of the Forgery aforesaid, or his or their Accomplices, to the end, that the Credit of the United States of America may be secured from farther Injury, and the Perpetrators of so atrocious an Offence brought to condign Punishment.

DONE at New-York, this Second Day of February, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and of our Sovereignty and Independence the Ninth.

RICHARD HENRY LEE, President.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.