

impurity behind which the sovereign legislatures take refuge, leads us to encourage other States, already inclined in that way, to follow these bad examples.

We have reason to fear, on seeing those accumulations of back interests, that the willingness which may still exist among the people to pay these sacred debts, may give way under the pressure of a burden annually increasing.

We venture to submit those considerations to your Excellency, with the hope that you may deign while their is yet time, to second our just claims before the Federal Government, and the respective legislatures, and to support a demand based on the most positive rights.

We trust that your Excellency will believe our assertion: it is not in favor of fictitious capital, nor if imprudent speculations, that we venture to solicit your support; but it is as *bona fide* creditors, who are daily injured by the suspension of their revenues.

We still flatter ourselves with the idea, that our hopes will not prove fallacious, and that some measures will be adopted by the Legislature or by Congress to satisfy the creditors of the States, and to preserve the honor of America, which is seriously endangered by the want of good faith of some of the members of the Union.

We request your Excellency to employ the present letter, in such manner as you may judge most efficacious for our interest; especially praying you to cause copies of this paper, to be submitted to the Governments of the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Indiana and Arkansas, in order that they may communicate it to the Legislatures of their respective States.

We pray your Excellency to accept, &c.