

conceived as to remove the State from the Suspicion of Inattention
 to the Requisitions of the great Representation of America. —
 We derive much Satisfaction from your Assurance "that all
 the Accounts of the General State shall be Speedily liquidated."
 We doubt not you will use every Effort to accomplish an Object
 which must be productive of of so great and good Consequences.
 Those States who may be under the pernicious Influence of
 the Idea, that their Accounts are not to be adjusted with the
 Continent, will then have no Temptation to withhold their Exertions
 from the Commonwealth; we can with Truth assure you, such an
 Idea is deemed inconsistent with our Safety, is generally reprobated
 in this State, and has in no Instance, restrained our Endeavours
 to comply with the Requisitions of Congress, and it would give us
 great Pleasure if an immediate Settlement could be obtained, as we
 are fully persuaded we should be found among the foremost of those
 States which have done most, and consequently have least to do.
 To the Accounts against the State, previous to the Resolution of Congress
 of March the 10th 1700, we can, at present, say but little, as the
 Principles upon which our Charges against the Continent must be
 made, are yet to establish. It may not, however, be improper to
 to observe that we have a Dying Lamp Account, to a considerable
 Amount, that we have furnished large Quantities of Arms and Ammu-
 nition to the Continent, that we have always had a respectable Army
 in the Field, raised and equipped, in the first Instance, almost entirely
 at our own Expence, and that we have a very large Account of
 Contingencies. We mention these Things because no Accounts of them
 have yet been exhibited, and not with a Design to conceal under
 unnecessary Vauntings, our Want of Exertions. With Respect to the
 Requisitions of Congress, since the Resolution already mentioned, we
 are well convinced that we have nearly, if not more than balanced
 them, though unfortunately we cannot now ascertain the Amount
 of our Compliances, from the present deranged Situation of the public
 Accounts. Our Returns, which shall be forwarded the first Moment they
 can be prepared, will convince you Sir, that we have not over-rated
 our Exertions; mean Time, it may not be amiss to remind you, that
 besides every Effort to furnish the whole Specie Supplies demanded
 of us, we have been exposed to very heavy Expences, in a great Measure,
 unknown to the other States, particularly in the Articles of all Kinds
 of Transportation of Troops and Provisions and the Maintenance of
 Prisoners. We have also paid very considerable Draughts of the comman-
 ding Generals of the Southern Army, made upon us under Recommendations
 of Congress. Enclosed are all the Acts which have been passed in this
 State, since the 10th of March 1700, for the Collection of Taxes and furnishing
 Supplies to the United States; from these you will judge of so much
 of the internal Police of this State, as relates to the laying, assessing,
 levying and collecting of Taxes. In Answer to your Enquiries respecting
 the Amount of the General paper currencies now circulating in the
 State, the probable Increase or Decrease of each, and the respective
 Rates of Depreciation, we have to inform you that there remains in
 Circulation of the State Emission of June 1700, £40,000 which paper