

proofs has in all cases been secured, except where we had satisfactory assurance of payment in a shorter period than it could be enforced by law. In the result of this discretion it has been our constant wish, not to burthen the Debtor with the costs attendant upon a Law suit, when the indulgence granted would not operate to the injury of the State.

The powers delegated to the Executive under the above Resolution will be our sole very limited, but under all circumstances we deemed it a requisite step and most likely to promote the public Interest, to give the Treasurers of the respective Towns our opinion that Executions ought to issue upon all Judgments, when other means were not likely to effect prompt payment.

As connected with this subject we beg leave to observe that during the period that the State had an Agent for the collection of debts, a power was vested in that Officer by the several laws under which he was appointed, of compounding with the Discoveries of confiscated property. Applications upon this subject have been made to the Board in the course of the present year, but we did not consider them as comprehended within our powers and under this impression declined acting upon them.

Should the Legislature determine, that the Executive should continue to superintend the collection of the Revenue, we beg leave to suggest the propriety of a more specific definition of their powers.

An account of Monies received during the present year, will be furnished by the proper Department, and a list of Suits that have been instituted, will if at any time required be laid before the Assembly.

These are the only subjects which we have thought it material or useful to communicate at this juncture to the General Assembly.

The Honble The General Assembly

We have the honor to be
John F. Mearns

In Council November 16. 1802

Gentlemen

The enclosed Letter from the Agent for the recovery of the Bank Stocks of this State has been received since the date of our last communication.

The Honble The General Assembly

We have the honor to be
John F. Mearns

In Council November 22. 1802

Gentlemen

We have the honour of herewith transmitting a Communication just received from the Department of State enclosing an extract from a late letter of Mr. King