

defray the unavoidable expenses of government. We confidently trust that on your wisdom and discretion you will be able to adopt such a system relative to this interesting and important matter, as will ensure the general approbation and support.

When it is considered that according to the principles of our happy constitution, all political power flows from the people; that the government under which we live is the offspring of their choice, that the laws by which our political society is formed and held together and our civil concerns are administered and governed; are the reflected image of their wills, and that whenever abuses in the exercise of the powers delegated to their servants are found to exist, they have the power placed in their own hands to remedy the evil and correct the abuse when it is seen that they are not called upon to support the empty show and gaudy pageantry of a court, or to minister to the vanity of the senses by "denying the mouth of labour the bread it has earned," but that the appeal is made to them to assist with their means in the management of their own concerns, and to promote their own peace, happiness and welfare by a due and regular administration of the laws, we fondly indulge the hope, and confidently cherish the belief, that they will furnish with cheerfulness and alacrity, whatever may be required at their hands. It is nevertheless proper at all times, more especially at the present time, marked as it with peculiar features of pressure and difficulty) to call upon the patriotism and ardour of our citizens as sparingly as possible, and to look to such sources of supply as will create an adequate fund with the least inconvenience. The necessity of this appeal to our fellow citizens to aid the finances of our state, is not of recent origin, but it has for some time been distinctly foreseen that it would become unavoidable at no distant day. From the struggles and convulsions of the old world, distinguished as they have been by the most gloomy features of wretchedness and woe, we have been by the kind and protecting care of a superintending providence happily exempt; it has nevertheless been our lot to drink too of the cup of human suffering, and to be compelled to spend a portion of our resources in the defence of our rights and liberties, against the claims of arbitrary power and wanton injustice. As the representatives of the people it is your constitutional province to decide upon the course to be pursued in providing for the pecuniary exigencies of the state; we shall therefore forbear from expressing our