from whatever other cause; thirdly, all debts originating from special CHAP. contracts, or loans, or otherwise, within the state; fourthly, the debts xxxiv. due to the officers and soldiers of the army, citizens of this state; all which accounts are hereby required to be laid before the general assembly, at their meeting in November next, if it can be done, and at the annual meeting of the general affembly in every year afterwards.

- III. And be it enacted, That the said intendant prepare and state a And to the general account of all debts due to the state, arranging the same under state, &c. the following heads, viz. First, the money or monies in the bank of England or elsewhere; secondly, the quantity of confiscated property on hand, and its supposed value; thirdly, the debts due for confiscated property fold; fourthly, all arrearages arising from taxation, distinguishing the collectors, the years, and the counties; fifthly, all arrearages for fines, forfeitures, duties, or imposts; sixthly, all special debts originating from the sale of specifics, or any article or thing sold by the state; seventhly, an account of such debts as may not come under any of the aforelaid heads.
- IV. And, Whereas it is of fingular consequence, that all and every appropriation should be executed agreeably to the order and intent of the general assembly, and that the assembly should be enabled at each session to judge of the state of said appropriations, and to form a clear and just opinion, from a brief view, of the contracts and engagements immediately to be complied with, or that may be due, or foon to become due, and the money and articles on hand, of the then fituation of their debts, and their capacity to exonerate the same: Therefore, Be it enacted, That the intendant lay before the general affembly, on the And lay befirst week of every session, a state of the engagements of the public to a state of enbe speedily complied with; such as the quota of the annual requi- gagements, fition of congress, the interest due on certificates, the civil list, and all other debts then due, or soon to become due; with a counter account of the disbursements made in consequence of the annual requisitions of congress, the disbursements made to the civil list, the interest paid on certificates, and of all other monies paid; also an account of the articles of specifics on hand and their supposed value, and the money in treasury, so that the whole may shew the demands against the state, and wherewithal the state has to answer said demands, and how far the funds for each particular appropriation have been productive, and how far each appropriation remains unsatisfied.
- V. and, for the information of the people and the members of the general assembly, 25e it enacted, That the intendant cause to be printed Copies to be a sufficient number of copies of said accounts brought into one view, printed, &c. for the use of the members of the general assembly, and be sent to each county to the magistrates with the acts of each session.

C H A P. XXXIV.

An ACT respecting literary property.

HEREAS printers, booksellers, and other persons, may Preamble. take the liberty of printing, reprinting, and publishing, or causing to be printed, reprinted, and published, books and