

year be awarded, the price of the tobacco, beyond the interest, will afford additional, though inadequate, means of procuring it.

Your committee on inquiry find, that on the 1st November, 1786, there was due for arrears of taxes, payable for the use of the state, and not consolidated,
Of which the $\frac{2}{6}$ being included,

£. 125,634 11 11
5,990 0 0

Remains,

£. 119,644 11 11

Further balance due, appropriated to congress, \$6,946.

The taxes imposed in 1785, and now becoming payable— $\frac{7}{6}$ for the state—may be estimated at the gross sum of
 $\frac{10}{6}$ by the supplemental fund act,
 $\frac{2}{6}$ by the consolidating act,

37,500 0 0
50,000 0 0
12,500 0 0

Your committee observe, that the $\frac{2}{6}$ tax being part of the consolidated fund, it can only relieve, so far as it may be collected, against the eventual incumbrance of the consolidating act, and leave by so much more of the other taxes for other state purposes, applicable according to the original intention of them: That of the £. 56,946, balances due, appropriated to congress, it may be hoped there will be paid, in the course of the year,

£. 37,000 0 0

And that 94,000 dollars, of the produce of the supplemental fund tax, payable in money, and of the produce of duties, being appropriated for congress, there may be added

35,250 0 0

£. 72,250 0 0

That for the purposes of the state, it is hoped there may be collected in the course of this year on the 119,644 11 11,—

£. 79,644 0 0

Of the $\frac{7}{6}$ tax,

31,000 0 0

That the duties may produce

25,000 0 0

Besides a balance on the $\frac{10}{6}$ tax, after deducting 94,000 dollars for congress,

4,750 0 0

140,394 0 0

Your committee observe, that several kinds of certificates being payable in discharge of assessments, the payments into the treasury, in specie, will be very considerably lessened thereby.

Your committee submit to the consideration of the house, whether the accumulation of arrearages does not strongly evidence the necessity of comprehending in taxation other subjects in aid of rates on property, and establishing a fund for extinguishing the quota of this state of the continental securities; and under this idea they recommend a moderate tax on law proceedings, to defray the expences of the courts of justice; and the establishment of a fund for the extinguishment of the said securities, on taxes of 5s a hoghead on tobacco exported, estimated 24,000 hogheads,

£. 6,000 0 0

8d per barrel on flour, and 2d per bushel on wheat, estimated equal to

6,000 0 0

180 m. barrels,

6,000 0 0

1 per cent. addition on goods imported,

3,000 0 0

6d per bushel on salt imported,

£. 21,000 0 0

That these duties be engaged for a sum not exceeding £. 200,000, and continue without alteration till the whole capital is paid off, which may be done in quarter parts, on three months public notice, and that the capital bear interest of 6 per cent. payable half-yearly.

Your committee also recommend to the consideration of the house, an additional tax of 4s on every licence for the retail of spirituous liquors, which will amount to about

£. 800 0 0

A duty of 6d per gallon on the retail or consumption of such liquors imported, which may be estimated at not less than

15,000 0 0

All which is humbly submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

The account of state debts, and which will become due in 1787, referred to in the foregoing report, viz.

Balances due on several journals of accounts before 1st November, 1786,

2,367 15 0

To delegates in congress 1st November, 1786,

1,104 0 0

To officers on the civil list 1st November, 1786,

1,744 6 1

To Patowmack navigation 6,458 6 8, not so much as one third of which will probably be called for in 1787,

2,152 15 6

For the western road,

629 0 0

For balances of the five months pay,

2,643 7 10

For half-pay of officers and soldiers for 1786,

3,400

For 1787 will require as much,

3,400

6,800 0 0

To