

able and unprofitable, and that we wished to pledge the whole (or as much as might be necessary) with the profits, as a specific fund for the redemption of the new emissions, in specie, agreeable to the requisition of congress. We flattered ourselves with your honour's assent to the bill, from the utility of the measure, and the reflection that your honours, in your message of the 23d of December, declared that it could not be inferred from your former message (of the 20th of December) that you were against the seizure of British property and the appropriation of it, to enable us to carry on the war, as you only intimated your opinion, that so new and important a subject might lie over for the consideration of a future meeting, to receive a further discussion.

The committee of this house, appointed to consider the requisitions of congress of the 25th of February and 18th of March, have reported, that the same ought to be complied with as far as possible, and the estimates of expence handed in amount to upwards of sixty million of dollars, and we believe, the expence of carriage and other contingent expences considered, those estimates are not too large. We wish this state to exert every effort in its power to comply with the two requisitions of congress. For this purpose we have herewith sent your honours two bills; one for the imposition of taxes, and the other to bring into the treasury our proportion of the continental emissions. By the first we have imposed (in addition to the five pound tax) twenty pounds on every hundred pounds of property, one half payable the 10th of June, and the residue the 10th of November; and for the supply of provisions, we have laid a tax of 28 pounds of tobacco on every £. 100 of property, which is £. 25 4 on every £. 100, payable the first of September. By the second bill we have proposed to bring in twenty million five hundred and forty thousand dollars (our quota of the congress's emissions) by offering the holders one dollar of the new emission for every 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ dollars brought in. To establish the best funds in our power for the redemption of the new bills, we have laid duties on certain imports and exports, and other rates, and appropriated the monies arising from fines and forfeitures, and the sale of estates forfeited for treason, and declared, that the deficiency shall be made up by a tax on property at the annual November session.