

on account of the distant residence of the Attorney-General.— This and some other matters appearing to give great discontent, and the Intendant having requested an examination into the state of his office, the business was referred to the committee of claims.—After some time they reported that their attention to the business of the session, would not admit of their considering the subject so fully as might be necessary, and it was referred to Messrs. Key, Debutts, Gale, Goldborough, and Cramphin.

The report which these gentlemen brought in was extremely unfavorable to the Intendant; it stated that his books were interspersed with erasures, blanks, and memorandums; and were not kept with that clearness and perspicuity, necessary for the Assembly's obtaining a comprehensive knowledge of them.—Remarks were made on the large balances due by collectors of the taxes;—on the Intendant's keeping some of the public money separate and distinct from that deposited in the treasury:—on the low price at which some of the confiscated lands had been sold;—and on some other less considerable transactions.

The committee seemed to have considered very attentively and minutely an exchange of certificates made by the Intendant with Col. Stone.

They stated an account by which they made out a loss to the State of £. 984 15 2, and taking that for granted, very naturally concluded that the Intendant had lost sight of the economy, recommended to him by the act under which he was appointed.—Another article of the report was as follows.—‘ That the purchase of certificates by the Intendant, was derogatory to the dignity of this State, unauthorised by law, and would have a tendency to prevent the government from complying with her engagements to her creditors.’

The committee gave it as their firm opinion, that there was no longer any necessity for an Intendant, the sale and final adjustment of specifics and real property, being drawn so near to a settlement;—that from their knowledge of the Auditor of the State and the Continental Commissioner, the assistance of the Intendant would be unnecessary in the adjustment of the accounts of this State against the United States—and that the longer continuance of so weighty an establishment, supported by