

public safety. Duty and inclination, and a desire to receive your approbation of our conduct, induce us to communicate to you the real state of your government at this time, and the measures proposed by us to afford the best relief, we conceive, in your power to give.

We shall not enter into the detail, but briefly exhibit, in one view, the proportion of this state of the federal expences, *in time of peace*, which stands thus :

	Dollars.
1. The expences of Congress <i>civil</i> establishment for 1786	446,876
2. Interest of Congress <i>foreign</i> debt for 1786	1,723,626
	3,170,502

Suppose, the proportion of this state one tenth, (though in our opinion above it) is 217,050 dollars, equal to £81,267 : 12 : 6 current money. This sum can only be paid in *specie*.

3. Interest of Congress *domestic* debt for 1786, 1,606,566 dollars.

Suppose the proportion of this state one tenth, is 160,656 dollars, equal to £60,621 current money. Congress *domestic* debt consisted of continental loan-office certificates, of which this state has liquidated (and funded by the consolidating act) to the amount of £80,517 : 4 : 9, the annual interest of which being £4,831 : 0 : 4, deducted from £60,621, leaves a
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