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**T**WO Jews, one of whom is a person of distinction, have lately arrived at Philadelphia from Jamaica, and who have not long ago been at Hebron, which is about 30 miles from Jerusalem, and which is their actual place of residence. Their object is to collect subscriptions for some of their brethren who have been enslaved by the Turks for not producing a certain tribute at an appointed time. There are some who remember, that upon the failure of the payment of this tribute, the Jews at Hebron were seized once upon as slaves by their cruel and insulting opposers, the Turks.

We are informed by a correspondent, that Congress intend giving encouragement to the raising of sugar, and the making of rum, on the coast of Africa, with a view of bartering American manufactures for the same. If we consider that there are not one hundredth part of the inhabitants of the earth that use sugar, and that all savages are fond of rum, we cannot get better articles in payment of the goods we manufacture, as we can barter away the rum and sugar we get in payment for furs and skins, with the inhabitants of the remotest parts of the globe to a very great advantage, provided we could not consume the same at home ourselves. If Congress can effect a thing of this kind, it would be acting a more friendly part by the the Africans than the Europeans have done.

Our correspondent adds, that the Europeans ought to be glad that we can find markets for our manufactures amongst nations with whom they have scarce any acquaintance, as it may prevent our quarreling with them respecting commercial matters, about which, for centuries past, they have been almost continually fighting. May the great disposer of all events, give blessing to every place that will promote peace upon earth, and good will amongst men!

NEW-YORK, August 5.  
By the UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS assembled,  
Wednesday, August 20, 1788.

**T**HE Committee, consisting of Mr. Clark, Mr. Dane, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bingham, and Mr. Baldwin, to whom was referred the report of the board of treasury respecting a requisition for the year 1788, having reported, "That in order to ascertain whether any or what sums in specie it may be necessary to require of the states the present year, they have taken a general view of the expenditures of every kind of the United States for several years past, and including the estimate for the present year, and have compared those expenditures with the provisions that have been made by Congress for discharging specie demands upon the union during the same period: that on ascertaining the amount of the said expenditures from January 1, 1784, to January 1, 1788, the amount of the interest which accrued on the foreign debt previous to the year 1782, and the amount of the sums paid for services performed in the years 1782 and 1783, out of the requisition for 1784, they find that those expenditures, and the said interest and services of 1782 and 1783, and estimate, amount to the sums following, viz.

	DOLLARS.	DOLLARS.
Interest accrued on the Foreign Debt prior to 1782,	265,548	
Foreign Interest which became due 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787,	1,707,571.70	
Foreign Interest which becomes due in 1788,	468,981.75	
Whole amount of Foreign Interest to 1788, inclusive,		2,442,101.55
Parts of the PRINCIPAL of the FOREIGN DEBT due.		
Of the French Debt in 1787,	462,962.82	
Ditto, ditto, 1788,	462,962.82	
Installments of the Foreign Debt, Interest and parts of the principal of the Debt which become due from the contracting thereof to 1783 inclusive,		925,925.72
Amount of payments for the said services, performed in 1782 and 1783,		3,363,027.49
Actual expenditures in the years 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, in the Civil, Military, Indian, Contingent, Invalid and Geographer's departments,		230,680.33
Estimate for the year 1788,		2,111,782.34
Total amount,		326,427
		6,036,917.16
Having ascertained the expenditures aforesaid, the committee have found it necessary to enquire what parts of them have been actually paid, and they find that these amount to		3,168,443.46
And that the parts of the expenditures aforesaid, remaining unpaid, are as follows:		
Foreign Interest to the year 1788, inclusive,	1,521,116.33	
The principal aforesaid of the Foreign Debt, becoming due in 1787 and 1788,	925,925.74	
Arrearages of expenditures in the years 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, in the departments aforesaid,	181,005.43	
Parts of the estimate of the present year unpaid,	240,427	
		2,868,474.60

The committee having ascertained the extent of public expenditures, and the amount of the unsatisfied demands which have heretofore arisen, and which arise the present year, against the union as aforesaid, proceeded to examine the extent of the provisions already made by Congress, and the parts thereof which may be applied to discharge the unsatisfied demands aforesaid, and they find that the

	DOLLARS.
Specie requisitions made since January 1, 1784, amount to	5,173,673.22
That the Foreign Loans contracted since January 1, 1784, amount to	1,600,000
Whole amount of provisions,	6,773,673.22
That of the said requisitions there is now due from the states, making a reasonable allowance for what they may have paid to Invalids, sums amounting to	3,292,594.7
Which sums may be applied to pay the unsatisfied demands before stated.	
That though a considerable part of the loans before mentioned, was applied to discharge debts of the late war, and 338,640 dollars thereof must be reserved for paying interest on the Dutch loans which will become due in the years 1789 and 1790, yet 71,093 dollars, the proceeds of the said loans, may be applied to pay the unsatisfied demands above stated; hence the provisions already made and unapplied are,	
	DOLLARS.
The arrearages of specie requisitions, amounting to	3,292,594.7
Parts of the loans made in Holland, amounting to	71,093
Proceeds of Jones's captures, comprehended in the expenditures, &c.	20,772.55
	3,384,459.62

By this statement it appears, that there is a surplus provision already made beyond the demands in specie, of the year 1788, and of the preceding years, of 854,625.2 dollars, including the provision for the Dutch interest in 1789 and 1790; so that it will not be necessary to require any specie of the states the present year, beyond the arrearages of the past requisitions. As the past requisitions were calculated to the expenditures of the years in which they were made, and the invalid pensions and some other expenses were not included in the estimates, and as no requisition for specie was made last year, and none by the above statement appears to be necessary this, it may be proper to shew briefly how this happens.

As the Dutch Interest which will become due in the years 1789 and 1790, is already provided for by the late Dutch loans, and as the whole foreign interest, and parts of the foreign debt which become due the present year, are already provided for, and as the respective states owe large arrearages of requisitions, and have large internal demands upon them as individual states to satisfy, and their means of paying them must soon be diminished considerably, the committee are of opinion, that it is not advisable to require the respective states to make provision for paying the interest and such parts of the principal of the foreign debt, as will not become due till some time in the year 1789. In this case, the specie demands upon the United States for the present and preceding years, amount to 2,368,474.60 to be discharged by surplus provisions of foreign loans and preceding requisitions, which as before stated, amount to 3,363,687.7.

Not to particularize several instances in which the estimates have in no great degree exceeded the actual expenditures, the surplus provisions will be principally found under the following heads:—In the requisition for the year 1784, 1,000,000 dollars were provided for the services of 1784 and 1785—766,220 dollars of which were not applied to those objects; in the same requisition, 161,461.57 dollars were required and not appropriated, and in the requisition of 1786, there was a surplus called for by mistake of 353,111, and a large surplus has arisen in the past requisitions by applying a considerable part of the late Dutch loans to paying foreign interests, &c. to pay which, appropriations in those requisitions have been made—past appropriations have also been eased considerably by other loans. It is to be observed that the loans made by the United States in Holland, in the years 1787 1788 amount, when filled, to 800,000 dollars—that provision is made in the past requisition of Congress for discharging the principal of the foreign debt 625,000 dollars, so that when the states shall seasonably pay up the arrears of past requisitions, Congress will be enabled to discharge the foreign debt, notwithstanding the said loans of 1784 and 1788—to pay the interest due on the foreign debt to the year 1788 inclusive—to pay the current expenses of the federal government of the present and preceding years, and to be provided in some measures for the demands of the year 1789.

Under these circumstances the committee are of opinion, that the monies lately borrowed in Holland be applied solely to discharging the Dutch interest, and certain demands arising against the United States in Europe; that an adequate sum of the arrears due on the past requisitions be appropriated for the services of the present year, and that one year's interest on the domestic debt be called for and made payable in indents;—Whereupon,  
*Resolved*, that of the arrearages due on the requisitions of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, be, and there is hereby appropriated for the present year, the sum of three hundred and twenty six thousand, four hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and for the following purposes, viz.

	DOLLARS.
For the Civil department,	108,587.60
Military department,	119,839.3
Surveys of Western lands,	4,000
Indian Treaties,	20,000
Invalid Pensions,	58,000
Contingencies,	16,000
	326,427

*Resolved*, That the states be, and they are hereby required to pay into the treasury of the United States on or before the first of July next, the sum of one million, six hundred and eighty-six thousand, five hundred and forty-one dollars, and twelve ninetieths of a dollar, being the amount of one year's interest on the domestic debt of the United States; and that the quotas of the several states of the aforesaid sum, be as follows, viz.

	DOLLARS.
New-Hampshire,	59,258
Massachusetts,	252,339.63
Rhode-Island,	36,326.18
Connecticut,	148,516.18
New-York,	144,185.57
New-Jersey,	93,728.36
Pennsylvania,	230,698.18
Delaware,	25,238.72
Maryland,	159,096.81
Virginia,	288,391.18
North-Carolina,	122,564.54
South-Carolina,	108,160.54
Georgia,	18,036.63
	1,686,541.12