

of 1812, when our Militia and our Monetary resources were taxed to the utmost. I shall leave it to others to deal with the incidents of war. It will be my endeavour to show how the exigencies of the army were provided for, under circumstances peculiarly trying, by the establishment of a temporary Government Bank of Issue—which all our historians have referred to, but which few, if any, have fully described or traced in its operations from its commencement to its close on the return of peace.