

been derived from Federal opposition or concurrence? Most of the taxes, which they have proposed, have been voted without division, and raised without insurrection. And mark the contrast; the very man at whose suggestion these taxes have been thus peaceably voted and raised, was one of the fomentors of an insurrection, in 1798, on account of a lighter tax, levied in better times, and for much better purposes. So far indeed from being disappointed in their resources, they have received, by loans and revenue, many millions more than Mr. Gallatin estimated, on the tenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, would be necessary to execute all their extravagant designs. Yet with these means, more ample than they professed to need, instead of effecting one of their purposes, every instrument they have used has recoiled with ten-fold force against themselves. This is one of the thousand instances in which they are convicted, upon their own showing, of incapability to manage any affairs of war or government. In short, the resources of this country have been as accessible to its government, as ever those of any country were to any just government; it has levied what taxes it pleased, and negotiated what loans it could; and if, as some complain, it has not been able to avail itself of means to their full extent, it has been because it was incapable and unworthy of using them, and because that incapacity was, from the beginning, known to many, and is now, I may almost say, expressly acknowledged by all. No; it has not been for want, but by misapplication of resources, that our government has disgraced and ruined the country; and if any Federalists have discouraged loans or taxes, they are to be applauded for the calamities and disgraces they have prevented, not blamed for those they have caused. Our government, and the commanders of our armies, have taken their own time for every thing. They chose their own time for declaring the war; and after it was declared prematurely, and without preparation, still our ships and armies