

Report to the House of Commons, that the loss to the Revenue amounts to Two Millions yearly ; if you double the price by suppressing illicit trade, the consumption falls off in due proportion, and is brought to One Million ; and as still some Smuggling must take place, I think Five Hundred Thousand Pounds of yearly addition to the Revenue from new parliamentary regulations is a fair concession.

I have stated my ideas on this subject in a former performance, and have allotted this sum as attainable by new regulations, particularly by a proper extension of the Excise Laws. Many very sensible, very intelligent people in subjects of this kind, with whom I have since conversed, have thought it too great an allowance : however, I am still of opinion, that if regulations of force and efficiency can be made with relation to Importations from Ireland, this, or even a somewhat larger addition may be procured to the Revenue.

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