

expenses in the Aroostook territory, is based upon expenditures which were made from the money borrowed, and justice to our successors seems to require, that the amount, when received, should be at once appropriated to meet that debt, and not be expended in defraying the current expenses of government. The suggestion, also, that a portion of the annual State tax may be thus appropriated, derives additional force from the consideration, that the present small amount of immediate liabilities, and the large amount of cash on hand and immediately receivable, is owing in part at least, to the fact, that a considerable portion of the ordinary expenses of the last year and interest on the public debt, have been paid out of the money received from the loans obtained. This course was undoubtedly judicious, as it places the treasury in a state to meet all demands promptly. The other claim of this State, in conjunction with Massachusetts, on the General Government—the proceeds of the sale of public lands, and the collections of the Land Office, or a part of the same, and perhaps the bank stock owned by the State, are other sources which you may see fit to apply to this purpose. We may now perhaps indulge the hope, that the rights of the several States of this Union, in the lands which are held by the United States, in trust for them, will soon be recognized and allowed, and the proceeds of the sale be distributed, after liberal allowances to the new States, among the several States. If this act of tardy justice is performed, the share of Maine will aid us much in meeting our heavy responsibilities. But strict and unflinching economy in the expenditures is demanded at all times, and more especially at the present, when taxes bear so heavily upon us, and the people are straitened in their means to meet them. I trust I shall not be deemed as interfering with your proper duties, if I call your attention to the heavy item of expense incurred by the payment of the travel and attendance of the members of the two Houses of the Legislature. I am aware that many subjects of great importance are before you, which will require careful and deliberate examination, but as short a session as is consistent with a full performance of public duty, I am confi-