

The adjustment of this latter point will derive, and naturally take its form from the mode of the establishment of the three former matters. They will, however, be best and most wisely settled, by those States who are in circumstances which enable them, and who are under such a spirit of wisdom as will direct them, to abolish, by degrees, all Port Duties; and to raise their revenue by Excise, Tailles, and other internal sources of finance, as are collected not from the seller, where every imposition lays with redoubled load of tax on the Subject, and comes with defalcated and defective revenue to the State, but immediately on the consumer; where the load must be proportioned to the abilities of his bearing it, and whence, whatever is collected, comes in full to the State. “ Add to this, that it would be a means of making that country which adopted this measure, A FREE PORT; a circumstance very desirable to every well-wisher of his country. See then whether it does not deserve the care of every worthy patriot