I do not pledge myself for the practicability of many things proposed, nor for the certain produce of any but that which will arise from the Duplication of the Land Tax, localled as it at present is.

The present Revenue having in the Year ended 10th of October 1782, (the latest period I have seen, but I believe 1783 is not very materially different) something exceeded Twelve Millions; and the Receipt-Tax being now I hope established, and better things being to be expected from the East-India Company after their affairs shall be put into order; I think the even, perhaps probable expectation of the Amount of the present Taxes may be carried to the length of Thirteen Millions net yearly.

The last Parliament had before them the consideration of the great sums lost to the Revenue by illicit Trade: this subject will undoubtedly