

The expences fixed by the government are as follows:—

			<i>Livres.</i>	<i>Sols.</i>
Expences of administration	-	-	290,000	0
Payment of troops	-	-	1,095,000	0
Administration of justice	-	-	160,000	0
Religion	-	-	126,000	0
Forts	-	-	96,000	0
Artillery	-	-	116,000	0
Presents to the savages	-	-	440,000	0
Unforeseen expences	-	-	100,000	0
Custom-house	-	-	240,000	0
Marine	-	-	178,000	0

Total livres 2,841,000 0

All the sums on which the taxes are effectively raised, amount on the one part to	-	10,414,950	0
And on the other to	-	5,478,598	0

Total livres 16,893,548 0

It follows that the King of Spain only receives from this colony	-	953,432	12
And that he will be obliged to send annually	-	1,887,567	8

The reform necessary to be made in all parts of the administration, both military and civil, also the presents to the savages, to whom one half is not distributed, would certainly bring the expences to the level of the receipts; but it seems the Spanish government suffers itself to be plundered; nay, even encourages the depredation, by not allowing to those in their employ a sufficient salary.

The exportation commerce of Louisiana, fifteen years ago, was carried on with thirty ships of moderate size. Since the cultivation of sugar and cotton, it has so increased, that above two hundred are employed.

Besides the above productions, New Orleans furnishes the Havannah with planks and sugar-casks, of which there is a great consumption. The contraband commerce with Mexico, is also a considerable advantage to New Orleans. The European merchandize, which is sold at a high price in almost every part of this rich country, encourages speculators to risk confiscation, and even corporeal punishments, to which they are condemned if discovered. The traders, after ascending the Red River as far as Natchitoches, transport their merchandize on horses to a distance of more than 600 miles. The hopes of wealth make them readily endure the fatigues inseparable from so long a journey, and the terrors of some savage nations, that kill without pity all the Whites that fall into their hands. The rich merchants, whose fortunes will permit them to make large