" Any thing above that, is more of the nature of
" *Insurance.*

" Thus, if a merchant was to borrow money
" on goods, which he deposited with the lender,
" he might be only forced to pay four *per cent.*
" for a year's loan; but if the goods were of a
" perishable or hazardous nature, so as, not to be
" insured under two *per Cent.* the lender might
" take this risque on himself, and on that account
" would very fairly demand six *per cent.* It is
" for the same reason, that a bond debt, com-
" monly bears rather higher interest than a mort-
" gage; because the former, being only a per-
" sonal security, is subject to some risque, which
" the latter is not. Government security has been
" usually deemed, a mortgage of the best sort, on
" account of the punctual payment of interest,
" and the ease with which the capital may be
" called in; and, therefore, ought to bear lower
" interest, than any other, and will always do so,
" unless, either profusion and mismanagement,
" should dissipate our wealth, faster than our
" trade, its great source, can supply it, or else,
" some wild and extravagant scheme of Govern-
" ment, should, by alarming any part of the world
" for its liberties, draw several powerful States
" into a combination, to clip our wings; who,
" by being able to lessen our commerce, would
" certainly diminish our credit.

" As annuities may, perhaps, make a part of
" the loan, the following short account of their

" nature,