

1st CONGRESS.]

No. 20.

[3d SESSION.]

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FINANCES UNDER THE LATE SUPERINTENDENT, ROBERT MORRIS.

COMMUNICATED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 16, 1791.

Mr. MADISON, from the committee appointed to inquire into the administration of the late Superintendent of Finance, (Robert Morris,) made the following report:

That it being evidently impossible for the committee to examine, in detail, the public accounts under the administration, and unnecessary, as the same have been examined and passed in the proper offices, they have thought their duty would be best discharged by obtaining from the register the statements of the receipts and expenditures, and other extracts from the public records herewith submitted, along with a more particular statement of the public accounts during the same period, made out, in the year 1784, in such a number of printed copies of both as will furnish to each member of Congress the best practical means of appreciating the services of the Superintendent, and the utility of his administration.

That, from these documents, it will be found that the receipts of public moneys in the Treasury of the United States, during the said administration, amounted to - - - - \$8,177,431 72
And the expenditures, settled as above mentioned, to - - - - 8,155,445 00

Leaving, at the close of the administration, in the Treasury of the United States, a balance of - \$21,986 72

The authorities under which the Superintendent acted, in the course of his administration, are referred to in the first mentioned document.

[NOTE.—The papers referred to in this report are not now to be found.]

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No. 21.

[3d SESSION.]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, MARCH 1, 1791.

Mr. IZARD, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State, on the subject of weights, measures, and coins, reported:

That, as a proposition has been made to the National Assembly of France for obtaining a standard of measure, which shall be invariable and communicable to all nations, and at all times; as a similar proposition has been submitted to the British Parliament, in their last session; as the avowed object of these is to introduce a uniformity in the measures and weights of the commercial nations as a coincidence of regulation, by the Government of the United States, on so interesting a subject would be desirable, your committee are of opinion that it would not be eligible, at present, to introduce any alteration in the measures and weights which are now used in the United States.

2d CONGRESS.]

No. 22.

[1st SESSION.]

FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE.

COMMUNICATED TO CONGRESS, ON THE 27TH OF OCTOBER, 1791.

UNITED STATES, October 27, 1791.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you a copy of a letter and of sundry documents which I have received from the Governor of Pennsylvania, respecting certain persons who are said to have fled from justice out of the State of Pennsylvania into that of Virginia, together with a report of the Attorney General of the United States upon the same subject.
GEO. WASHINGTON.

SIR:

PHILADELPHIA, July 18, 1791.

I think it proper to lay before you copies of the various documents, respecting an application which I have recently made to the Governor of Virginia, requiring, agreeably to the provision contained in the second section of