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Congress have not yet laid down any permanent Principle to ascertain each State's Proportion of Men and Money: what is suggested on this Subject in the Articles of Confederation is not complicated and therefore could not be adopted. The late apportionment of Monies was made according to Principles which originally obtained that is according to the number of Souls in each State as ascertained by Estimate: matter formerly furnished by the Delegates. But even this trade were not strictly attended to. Rhode Island & New York being invaded were unable to pay the whole of their Proportion and Georgia for the like Cause not able to pay any money at all: the Deficiency of these States was thrown on the rest tho' not in equal ~~Proportions~~ Dividends some of the States having taken upon themselves more than their Proportion, induced by the ~~Ordering~~ Idea that they can contribute to sink their Debt with more Facility while they abound in Paper Emissions than when the Quantity is reduced and our Currency appreciated: Part of this Deficiency has been imposed on Pennsylvania but less than her Proportion of it.

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Congress having adopted a temporary trade of apportionment and not intending to conclude the States by it have to prevent the Injury from unequal Apportionments resolved that all the Sums of Money which the States are called on to raise shall be placed to their respective Credits