subject, I think it highly important that the light and anchorage dues should remain as they are, from the fact that it is to the interest of the State that every inducement should be offered to foreigners wishing to make our port for the produce we may have to offer, and if heavy customs be exacted, the probability is great, that they would rather pass it than enter.

The "Constitution" provides for the levying of taxes on persons holding property in the State, agreeably to their worth. To make the tax burdensome would be in the face of things. In a community like this it would render three fourths unable to pay any at all, and the plans laid out for large calculations would end, like the present license system, in deriving barely one fifth of the means growing out of its custom. Nor would it end here. Men who trade or Merchants who are the most able of the community, would increase their prices to meet so heavy demands, and this would affect the poor. I offer these hints, as I view them with some degree of importance; and in connection with them, is a poll tax of which please use your own pleasure.

The law regulating the license custom, is too high. Our community is a commercial one. I once thought differently, but many years experience, watching the various turns it has taken, afford me of this fact, Agriculture, by no means, is to be despised. But the very abuse

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