LETTER

From the Chairman of the committee SIR. sury thereto.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

aid of a revenue, sufficient at least to year 1813. which may be authorised.

That the expences of the year 1812, calculated on the existing state of affairs, and including the interest on the public \$ 9,400,000 debt, will amount to That the whole amount of actual receipts into the tre sury, during the year 1812, may be esti-8 200,000 mated at

Leaving a defictency [which it is proposed to supply by authorising a And that an authority to borrow a sum equal to that which will be reimbursed of the principal of the public debt,

ing to net less than Making the whole sum which it is proposed should be provided for

during the year will be

necessary, and amount

by loan for that year, structed me to inquire of you, whether, the event of war.

the committee wish you to state, whe- on duties on imported, merchandise In proportion as the ability to borther, as in the event of war, increased must be expected. The amount, under row is diminished, the necessity of reloans will undoubtedly be required, it existing laws and circumstances, has, sorting to taxation is increased. It is Father-You are always too quick will not be necessary to provide an ad- from correct data, been stated in the therefore also proper to observe that in your business, the Indians are not ditional and gradually increasing rever annual report at six millions of dollars. at that time, the subject of the renewal yet ready, when they are, they are all "I extract the following from a note

the permanent revenue, or annual re- to be relied on with certainty, to cal- nate to the Secretary of the Treasury, dians are very poor, the women and mation that a number of Indians have with an addition of 50 per cent. on the rate of duties. that should any deficiency arise in the duties which is thought practicable and fidently relied on : and, accordingly, in you say, the Indians have used you bad, time to time. Be you therefore ready event of war, it may be supplied with- adviseable, it is answered, without he- the report made during the same ses- but we hope you will forget it, what- to march at a moment's warning." out defficulty by a further increase of sitation, that the rate of duties may in sion to the Senate, the propriety of in- ever you say, they are now willing to Bridsong writes to Gen. Ramsay, who and by a proper selection of moderate danger or inconvenience. There will \$30,000,000 was submitted, with the Father-I know what I am now say lately a party of Indians came in the internal taxes "

of that on sait, and such a selection of ple, than could be devised to the same market, internal taxation would have Vincennes, and shall be happy to see belonging to one of our citizens : they moderate internal taxes, as you would amount in any other manner.

would furnish them, in connexion with bushels, producing, at the rate of 20 and on favorable terms. your replies to the preceding inquires, cents per bushel, \$400,000. with an estimate of ways (calculated on The duties on tonnage and imported in reference to the finances and resour- will take pity on me. the event of a war) which will provide merchandise, including the former du- ces of the general government. Con- Father-The Kickapoos and Wine. occasioned by the progress or return of ry expenses of government and provide others, would, according to that esti- on both these subjects produced a dif white people, but the Prophet told them there tribes! ---- Frankfort Palladium. for the legal reimbursement and in- mate, amount to terest of the public debt, including the interest on new loans, to the amount at To which adding the proleast of ten millions of dollars per an ceeds of the sales of public lands num; accompanied with such a scheme estimated, as by the annual refor the reimbursement of the principal Port, at of the new loans as you should deem expedient, together with such opinions, as you may have formed respecting the terms on which such loans may proba- In order to complete the net rebly be obtained; also, such further views or information connected with, wanted for the service of 1813. or touching the forgoing objects of in- On the basis of annual loans of 10. ed States or by the burthens laid on Spirit. The sime I started from the porbood, being out a hunting, and hav-

Secretary of the Treasury.

Fanuary 10, 1812.

ment, and to pay the interest on the of the committee, it was certainly con- not yield that sum until the year 1814, preceding estimates, by internal taxa- Father-What the Miamies tell me, public debt, including that on new loans templated, in conformity with the re- nor produce in 1813, more than 3,600, tion, it is respectfully proposed, that I shall do, because I know the Miamies commendation of the President, whose 000 dollars. Five millions of dollars 3,000,000 should be by a direct tax, & are friendly to the United States. I expressions were adopted in report, to will therefore be assumed as the gross 2,000,000 by indirect tax. raise a revenue "sufficient at least to amount of taxes (including the expenses ment, and to pay the interest on the pub- incidental losses) necessary to be rais. lie debt, including that on new loans ed at this time. That sum is calculatmarked by the committee, to provide two years. creasing revenue sufficient to pay the quiry of the committee respecting a se- any terms which the government may ground toward their father, and wish vent of war. If therefore, the loan for sary, permit me to observe that it was the present year will according to the stated in the annual report of Dec. 10, By an express which arrived on Thurs- pum in behalf of the Wisebagos, Kicksuggestion of the committee, amount 1808, that " no internal taxes either dito ten millions of dollars, the receipts rect or indirect were contemplated, e-2,135,318 41 |into the treasury to be provided for the ven in the case of hostilities carried ato about 9,600,000 dollars.

3,335,318 41 the best opinion which I am able to form then held out was not deceptive, & why Stone-Eater, an Eel river chief, and the brother was not angry when he fought, Under this view of the subject, the of the probable amount of receipts from it has not been realized. committee of ways and means have in- duties on tonnage and merchandise in The balance in the treasury amount- spoke in council at Vincennes, previous father.

In reference to this state of things, ports, a great defalcation in the receipts for four years.

duties, by a restoration of that on salt, the event of war, be doubled without creasing the capitol of the Bank to do. in such an event, be less danger of condition that the Institution should, ing is the same as if spoken to your neighborhood of Caldwell and Livingston The committee request that you smuggling at that rate, than there is if required, be obliged to lend one half self. Once you thought the Miamies counties, killed the stock of the inhabiwould favor them with the best opinion, now with the existing duties. With of its capital to the United States. The were against you, that they were about tants, and menaced them with war. Col. which you are able to form (calculated that increase the duties will still be much amount thus loaned might, without any joining the Prophet, it was no such Bridsong ordered out some spies, to ason the event of war) of the probable less on an average than those paid on inconvenience, have been increased to thing. amount of the receipts from duties; a importations in England, France, and twenty millions. And with \$20,000, Father—the time since the chiefs They state they found the Indians enspecification of the increase of duties, most other countries. And they will 000 in hand, and loans being secured sent me to Vincennues is ten days, I camped on the Tennessee river; that on which you would think practicable and be collected with more ease to govern- for 20,000,000 more, without any in- shall wait ten more to hear from you, advisable; an estimate of the amount ment & less inconvenience to the peo- crease of the public debt at when, if you suffer me, I shall come to

secommend, with the probable expense. A duty on imported salt might now of war, nor any other resource been Speech of the Orator of the Kickapsos. The inhabitants have applied for protecof collection; and the amount of net be calculated on at least 3,500,000 bush | wanted than an additional annual loan (Addressed to Gevernor Harrison)

Makes an aggregate of And leaves a deficiency of

quiry as you may deem necessary and 000,000 of dollars during the continu- European nations by their governments big village, my heart was not to strike ing formed a camp, three of them went expedient .- With great respect, I have ance of the war, (which is the sum as- that no doubt exist of the ability or will the white people, but to hear what the the honor to be, your obedient servant, sumed by the committee and which, of the people to pay without any real Great Spirit said to the Indians. Hon. Albert Gallatin, E. BACON. considering the expenses already vot- inconvenience, and with cheerfulness, Father-I am very sorry you lost white man a new rifle leaving an old one led by Congress, is not more than will the proposed WARTAXES. For it some of your young men—you did in its place; and also carried of some of

the deficiency for 1814, to be provided cient to reimburse, within a reasonable must. of ways and means, to the Secretary In answer to the first inquiry of the for by other resources, will amount to period, the loans obtained during the of the Treasury, in relation to the ge- committee of ways and means, relative 4,200,000 dollars. The expenses of war, and that neither a perpetual and Brother-Ail the Indians, the Kickavenue necessary for the service of to the interest arising on the proposed assessment and collection and inciden- increasing public debt, nor a perma- poos, Winebagoes, Piankeeliaws and the United States for the present and loan of 1,200,000 dollars, necessary to tal losses on their internal taxes, from nent system of ever progressing taxa- Putawattimies have lost some young sture years; and the ways and supply the deficiency in the receipts of the proceeds of which this deficiency tion, shall be entailed upon the nation. men, but we put that aside, we hope means for raising the same : with the the year 1812, I beg leave to observe must be supplied, may be estimated at These evils cannot, however, be other- you will also. Our chiefs told me to answer of the Secretary of the Trea- that that item was not included a- 15 per cent. In order to preduce a net wise avoided than by the speedy orga- go to the governor, but you have stopped mongst the expenses of that year, be- revenue of 4,200,000 dollars, the gross nization of a certain revenue. De- us here, and I now say to you what I cause the estimate being made with amount of taxes must therefore be near lays in respect, and a reliance on inde- have to tell the governor. DECEMBER 9th, 1811. | reference to the expenses alone which five millions of dollars. As the taxes finite loans to defray the war expendi-In your annual report, prepared in had previously been authorised by law, which may be organized during the ture, the ordinary expences of govern- Father-I love my women and chillobedience to the act, supplementary to and a considerable proportion of those present session of Congress, will not ment, and the interest on the loans dress as well as I do myself-I wish the act, entitled "An act to establish on account of the public debs falling on become due till the ensuing year, and themselves, would be equally unsafe you to love and take pity on them. I the treasury department," and trans- the last day of the year, it would not as it is sufficiently ascertained from u- and ruinous; would in a short time in- now hold the white wampum you gave mitted to the House of Representatives have been necessary in that view of the niversal experience, that taxes will not jure public credit, impair the national me at Vincennes, in my hand. on the 22d ultimo, it is stated 1st. That subject to borrow that sum previous to produce their full nominal amount in resources, and ultimately render much Father-I throw the tomahawk on to place the financial system of the U. that day, and the interest would not the first year they are in operation, it heavier and permanent taxes absolute the ground; I shall no more make war S. on a solid foundation, it requires the therefore have become a charge till the may be relied on that a gross amount ly necessary. of five millions, intended to produce a Of the gross amount of \$ 5,000,000, club and tomahawk in pity to my wodefray the ordinary expenses of govern- With respect to the second inquiry net revenue of 4,200,000 dollars, will to be now provided according to the men and children. defray the ordinary expenses of govern- of assessment and collection and the which may be authorised." The sum ed to cover the interest on the loans of Governor, with the letter from Capt. chiefs by the hand, you will not find of about nine millions of dollars was ten millions a year wanted for the ser- Snelling, and the Indians speeches, which any bad thing in the breast of your red assumed as answering that discription vices of the years 1812 & 1813; leav- we have this day published, and be children, I speak the truth. for the present, and the expression of ing the selection of the additional taxes, most sincerely congramlate our fellow-"fixed revenue" which had been used in which may thereafter be necessary to citizens upon the evidence which they Brother-I wish you to try the best reference to existing circumstances, was provide for the interest of subsequent afford, that the late formidable combi- you can to have peace as quick as posinadvertently applied to the case of war. loans, to be made according to the ex- nation of Indians is entirely dissolved, sible. Browner-hold fast what I tell It will undoubtedly be proper, as re- perience which will be afforded by those and that the severe chastisement which you, it is the truth, all my people who

annually an additional and gradually in- Before I proceed to answer the en- them, that they are ready to submit to of them, the dead people look from the interest on the loans required in the e- lection of the internal taxes now neces- think proper to impose. year 1813, should on those data, amount gainst the two great belligerent pow- SIR, ers." An assertion which renders it The committee ask in the next place, necessary to shew that the prospect you a talk delivered me this day by and tells me to 30 to my father -- my

ed at that time to near fourteen milli- to the march of the expedition) in beaccording to the principle first above As that amount will depend on the ons of dollars. But aware that half of the hostile tribes. They were Brothers-I have listened to what stated, it does not become necessary to the extent of the commerce between the surplus would in a short time be ex- on their way, and are still desirous to you have said, and rejoice that you provide "a fixed revenue," to be re- United States and nations at peace with tended, and having stated that the re- go to Vincennes; but in consequence discover an inclination to work in the ceived during the year 1812, equal as them, and on the numbers of the cap- venue was daily decreasing, it was in of your expressing a wish that they right path. The wampum you have well to the estimated expenses of that tures respectively made by our priva | the same report proposed " that all the should not come at present, I thought given me I now hold in my hand, and year, and amounting as above stated teers, and by the enemy, it is a matter existing duties should be doubled on it my duty to prevent them. They are shall immediately send to your father to \$9,400,000, as also to the interest of conjecture, and not a subject of cal- importations subsequent to the first day now encamped near this post, waiting the governor. He has been very anwhich will arise on the proposed loan culation; for which reason it was stated of January, 1809."-As the net reve- your excellency's determination. There gry with you: you have killed many of \$1,200,000; or otherwise whether in the report, that that amount could not | nue accrued from customs during the are among them, two Winebagoos, one of his warriors without a cause. It is it is proposed to provide for the pay- at present be determined. Consider. the three years 1809, 1810 & 1811, has Kickapoo, and one Piankeshaw, who in his power to drive you beyond the ment of such interest, out of the money | ing the rigorous restrictions laid by | without any increase of duties exceed | were in the late action, and I trust, would | great waters; but our father loves peace. in the treasury, at the commencement France on the commerce of the United ed \$26,000,000, it follows that if the be no pleasant sight to our unfortunate better than war, and will take pity on . of that year, or from any other source? States within her own dominions, and measure then submitted had been a and mutilated soldiers. 24. It is stated in your report "that other countries under her influence: the dopted, we should, after making a They say the Prophet has made kis their duty. I have no authority to a fixed revenue of about nine millions dangers to which our commerce with large deduction for any supposed dimi- escape, and is now among the Hurons. speak for him, but shall soon hear and of dollars is necessary under the exist. the Baltic and with China will be expos. In the mean ing circumstances of the U. States; and ed; the relations of England with Por- the proposed increase, have had at this honor to be, your excellency's obt. ser- time you may follow your usual employthat the same amount would be neces- tugal and with Spain: and also that no time about twenty millions of dollars vants sary, and with the aid of loans, will, in inconsiderable part of the captures made on hand, a sum greater than the net ayour opinion, be sufficient in case of war. by our privateers will be sent into foreign mount of the proposed internal taxes His Excellency

been unnecessary for at least four years you once more.

4th. the committee request that you mated on more than two millions of derate to be obtained from individuals, you at Vincennes, what you then told themselves in readiness to restrain any These observations are made only then gave me I vet hold, I hope you ed. a revence sufficient to meet the ordina- ty on salt, and doubling the rate of all siderations of a different nature have bagoes intention was not to strike the Tecumsch's auxiliaries from the souferent result, which makes a resort to many lies, and made them do it. Now, \$ 5,400,000 internal taxes now necessary, and will Father, what you tell me I will do, I reported, in Cincinnati, on Friday last, render loans more difficult to obtain, will not strike the white people any that some days before, there were four and their terms less favorable. But the more; you may depend, father, that not Indians killed and scalped upon the upresources of the country remain the one white man will be injured by the per waters of that river. The story runs 800,000 same; and if promptly and earnestly Kickapoos, Winebagoes, Piankeshaws thus: That an Indian came to the ca-6,600,000 brought into action, will be found am. or Pottawattimies. 3,600,000 ply sufficient to meet the present emer- Father—The time the Prophet came mother and some children, and carried gency. With respect to internal taxes, to the Wabash, he said he had commu- away some cheese and lead : that the fathe whole amount to be raised is so nication with the Great Spirit, I came her soon afterwards returned. & learning 9,600,000 moderate, when compared even with there to see him, for I thought he must the fact, pursued the Indian & shot him ____ the population and wealth of the Unit- be a good Indian to speak to the Great & that a party of four men in the neigh-

(To be continued.)

Vincennes, Dcc. 21, 1811. they have received, has so humbled were killed are as dirt, I think no more

day evening from Fort Harrison, the apoos and Pienkashaws; I also present following information was received: you with one of the Putawattimies. FORT HARRISON, Dec. 25, 1811.

orator of the Kickapoos (the same who but that bad man told him to strike my

I. SNELLING, Capt.

Wm. H. Harrison.

SPEECH OF STONE-EATER. (Addressed to Governor Harrison)

revenue estimated to arise therefrom. els; but in time of war cannot be esti- of five millions: a sum sufficiently mo- Last summer I was very glad to see has ordered a captain's company to hold me was the truth; the white flag you further depredations that may be offer-

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. | be wanted,) and estimating, at the low- is still hoped, that the ordinary peace not make the war yourself, the Indians est rate, the interest on the loan of 1813, revenue of the U. States will be suffi- did it, but that bad man told them they

(To Capt. Snelling.)

To Governor Harrison.

with the white people. I bury the war

know they are right, they tell me the truth, what they think I also think.

Father-I wish you to try to use pour red children as before-to pity We have been politely favored by the the women and children, and take the

> (To Captain Snelling.) they once more could speak to him. I West. Sun. | now present you with a string of warn-

Brother-Hear what I tell you, for it is the truth. My brother, who was I have the honor herewith to enclose killed, speaks to me from the ground.

> Captain Snelling's reply. those of his red children who return to ment unmolested, for the white warriors scorn to strike the defenceless, or injure the peaceful hunter.

INDIANS. Extract of a letter from Captain Robert Terry, of Henderson county, to Major S. G. Hopkins, dated December 19,

nue, to pay the interests of such loans? It would in my opinion be unsafe, in an of the Unit- going to Vincennes to speak of a peace. addressed to me this morning by Col. 31. It is stated in your report "that estimate of ways and means intended ed States had been referred by the Se- | Father-You ought to know the In- Belbour :- "I have just received inforceipts, after the year 1812, (calculated culate in the event of a war, on more nor had any symptom appeared from children have nothing to eat, the Kicka- assembled between the Ohio & Wabash, on the existing state of affairs,) together than 2,500,000 dollars at the present which its absolute dissolute disso any substitute could have been antici- Miamies, to speak for them to our Fa- supposed about one hundred in number. present amount of duties, may be esti- To the next inquiry of the commit- pated. The renewal in some shape, ther, to take pity on them, for they are I have sent two spics out to watch their mated at nine millions of dollars; and tee, respecting the increase of those and on a more extensive scale was con- very desirous of peace. It is true what movements, and to give me notice from

> In addition to the above letter, Col. represents the adjacent county, that very certain and report their movements:their solicitation they agreed to remove, but before they did so, they took, by vioappeared mad, and were very insolent. tion from the military, and col. Bridsong

May not these alarms on the rivers, be

A person from White Water River. bin of a farmer in which were only the in pursuit of game leaving the other to watch the camp, that in the mean time three Indians entered and took from the