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An ACCOUNT of the Distribution of the Sum of £. 2,500,000. granted to His MAJESTY to defray any Extraordinary Expences which may be incurred for the Service of the Year 1796, and to take such Measures as the Exigency of Affairs may require; paid by the Right Honourable the Paymaster General of His MAJESTY'S Forces:

Required by an Order of the Honourable HOUSE of COMMONS, of 23^d November 1796.

Dates of Payments.			
1795. December 31 st .	To Bills of Exchange drawn by Messrs. Freres Bethmann, for Money furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Craufurd	—	150,000 — —
1796. February 3 ^d .	To D ^o drawn by D ^o , for D ^o Service	—	100,000 — —
1795. December 31 st .	To D ^o drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Craufurd	— 58,000 — —	
1796. July 30 th .	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 77,600 — —	
November 9 th .	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 54,000 — —	
	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 51,000 — —	
	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 50,000 — —	
			290,600 — —
February 3 ^d .	To D ^o drawn by Claude Scott, Esq; Agent for purchasing Foreign Corn	— 34,429 9 3	
	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 73,670 5 6	
	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 114,130 — —	
27 th .	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 63,596 6 5	
March 23 ^d .	To D ^o drawn by D ^o	— 70,533 19 10	
			356,360 — —
February 3 ^d .	To D ^o drawn by fundry Persons on Claude Scott, Esq;	— 153,083 18 1	
March 7 th .	To D ^o drawn by fundry D ^o on D ^o	— 71,776 — 5	
July 30 th .	To D ^o drawn by fundry D ^o on D ^o	— 78,700 — —	
	To D ^o drawn by fundry D ^o on D ^o	— 105,149 9 3	
			408,709 7 9
	Carried forward	— —	1,305,669 8 9

Dates of Payments.			
	Brought forward	—	1,305,669 8 9
1796.			
February 3d.	To Bills of Exchange drawn by James Hay, Public Treasurer of the Island of St. Vincent's, for Public Services	35,228 16 6	
November 9th.	To D ^o , drawn by D ^o , Public Treasurer of Grenada, for D ^o Service	57,301 10 3	
			92,530 6 9
February 3d.	To D ^o , drawn by W ^m Alexander, Public Treasurer of the Island of St. Vincent's, for D ^o Service	21,228 13 5	
November 9th.	To D ^o , drawn by D ^o , for D ^o Service	18,571 5 11	
			39,799 19 4
22d.	To D ^o , drawn by Jean Henri de Jerhf, Jean Baptiste Schmidt, and Jean Nep de Cronberg, to be remitted for the Service of His Imperial Majesty	—	75,000 — —
	To D ^o , drawn by Jn ^o Schuback, to be remitted for the Service of D ^o	—	12,500 — —
	To D ^o , drawn by Martin Dorner, to be remitted for the Service of D ^o	—	12,500 — —
	To D ^o , drawn by W ^m Muir, to be remitted for the Service of D ^o	—	150,000 — —
	To D ^o , drawn by Messrs. Boyd, Benfield, and Company, to be remitted for the Service of D ^o	—	170,878 11 8
January 12th.	To John Brickwood, Esq; towards purchasing Wheat in Canada, and Expences in chartering Ships to bring the same to this Country	10,000 — —	
26th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	22,000 — —	
March 22d.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	9,000 — —	
	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	11,000 — —	
May 4th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	20,000 — —	
			72,000 — —
January 26th.	To Messrs. Turnbull and Co. for Wheat purchased by them, by Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury	7,241 8 9	
March 18th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	7,610 13 2	
April 2d.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	13,585 18 4	
May 6th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	2,486 10 2	
July 16th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	10,000 — —	
29th.	To D ^o , for D ^o Service	5,000 — —	
			45,924 10 5
	Carried forward	—	1,976,802 16 11

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Dates of Payments.			
	Brought forward	—	1,976,802 16 11
1796.			
February 16th.	To Bills of Exchange drawn by Sir Adam Williamson, K. B. Governor of St. Domingo, for Public Services	68,543 18 8	
March 5th.	To D ^o , drawn by D ^o , for D ^o Service	248,770 16 6	
May 27th.	To D ^o , drawn by D ^o , for D ^o Service	68,607 18 6	
			385,922 13 8
	On Account of Pay, &c. of sundry Volunteer Corps	—	109,480 — —
July 29th.	To the Reigning Duke of Brunswick, for Six Months Subsidy, to 8th May 1796	7,782 13 1	
November 21st.	To D ^o , for Pay and Loffes of his Troops	5,011 16 4	
			12,794 9 5
August 2d.	To the Landgrave of Hesse Darmstadt, for the Equipment of his Troops taken into the Pay of Great Britain	—	15,000 — —
			£. 2,500,000 — —

Treasury Chambers,
December 7th, 1796.

EXTRACT OF AN ACCOUNT
Of the Distribution of the Sum of 2,500,000l. granted to his Majesty to defray any extraordinary Expence that may incur in the year 1796, now on the Table of the House of Commons.

Dates of Payments.		£.	s.	d.
1795				
Dec. 31.	To Bill of Exchange for money furnished to Col. Craufurd	150,000	0	0
Feb. 2.	To ditto, for ditto	100,000	0	0
1796				
Dec. 31.	To ditto, for ditto	58,000	0	0
Feb. 3.	To ditto, for purchasing foreign Corn	34,429	9	3
	To ditto, for ditto	75,470	5	6
	To ditto, for ditto	114,439	0	0
27.	To ditto, for ditto	63,596	6	5
March 23.	To ditto, for ditto	70,533	19	10
Feb. 3.	To ditto, drawn by sundry persons on Claude Scott, Esq.	15,308	18	1
March 7.	To ditto, for ditto	71,770	0	5
Feb. 3.	To ditto, to public Treasurer of St. Vincent's, for public service	35,228	16	6
	To ditto, to ditto	21,228	13	5
Jan. 12.	To John Brickwood, for purchasing Wheat in Canada	10,000	0	0
26.	To ditto, ditto	22,000	0	0
March 22.	To ditto, ditto	9,000	0	0
March 24.	To ditto, ditto	11,000	0	0
Jan. 26.	To Messrs. Turnbull and Co. for ditto	7,241	8	9
March 18.	To ditto, ditto	7,610	13	2
April 2.	To ditto, ditto	13,585	18	4
Feb. 16.	To Bills of Exchange drawn by Governor of St. Domingo for public services	68,543	18	8
March 5.	To ditto	248,770	16	6
		1,343,430	4	10

From this Account it appears, that out of the Vote of Credit there was expended, before the 3d of April 1796, the sum of 1,343,430l.

GEORGE ROSE.

EXTRACT OF AN ACCOUNT
Of all Sums of Money granted by Parliament since the 29th October, 1795, and expended before the 3d April, 1796, with a Statement of the Sums for which the same was applied. Laid on the Table of the House of Commons, April 1796.

Out of Exchequer Bills charged on the Land Tax An. 1795.	Out of Exchequer Bills charged on the Mail An. 1796.	Out of Contributions to Annuities, An. 1796.	Out of Exchequer Bills for raising 2,000,000l. for the use and purposes there in mentioned.
£. 341,000			

From this Account it appears, that at a later period than the 3d, viz. the 5th April, 1796, Parliament was informed that the total of the sum expended from the Vote of Credit was 341,000l.
It is impossible to say how this contradiction can be explained, or to what the misrepresentation can be attributed, but to a deliberate purpose which Ministers seem to have ascertained of deceiving the Public relative to the state of expenditure antecedent to the General Election.
Of this the concealment of the remittances to the Emperor and the above misstatement are striking proofs.

Bills paid entered to the 5th March the Day
on which the Vote of Credit passed

1795.	Decemb. 31. To Bills of Exchange for money furnished to the King	£ 150,000
1796	Feb. 3 ^o To B ^o for B ^o	100,000
1795.	Dec. 21 To B ^o for B ^o	58,000
1796	Feb. 3 To B ^o for purchasing foreign coin	241,129. 9. 3
"	" To B ^o for B ^o	72,670. 5. 6
"	" To B ^o for B ^o	114,120
27.	To B ^o for B ^o	63,596. 6. 5
3.	To B ^o drawn by sundry persons on Claude Scott Esq ^r	133,000. 19. 10
3.	To B ^o to public Treasury of S ^t . Domingo for public service	35,228. 16. 6
"	To do. to do.	21,278. 19. 5
Jan. 12.	To John Burtwood for purchasing Wheat in Canada	10,000
16.	To B ^o for B ^o	22,000
26.	To Messrs Lambull & Co for B ^o	7,241. 8. 9
Feb. 16.	To Bills of Exchange drawn by Governor of S ^t . Domingo for public service	68,549. 18. 8
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on the 5 th March the Bills of Exchange drawn by Governor of S ^t . Domingo for foreign Service		£ 911,152. 18. 4
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		248,770. 16. 6

5. Because the extreme anxiety of his Majesty's Ministers to hurry this Bill through the two Houses at so early a period in the Session, & after such very liberal Supplies already voted, leads us to suspect that his Majesty's sum of Two Millions and a half is immediately wanted to discharge some secret Debts which have been improperly contracted, or to defray the Expence of some extravagant project not calculated to meet the eye of Parliament.

7. Because, although we should on all occasions concur it to be our duty to protest against such a measure, we feel it more especially to do so when we reflect upon the conduct of the Administrations with whom the present Bill originates. The enormous sums expended on Services not previously voted by Parliament, exceed within the last three Years, all former examples; and we cannot but look upon the Bill in question, as being a part of a system which sets in contempt and defiance of those wholesome forms & regulations, which the wisdom of our Ancestors devised for the protection of the public purse, against the encroachments of corrupt Ministers. We are disposed to be liberal towards the Crown, but we are bound to be just towards the people. We maintain that the most important duties of Parliament; and we solemnly protest against a measure which grants two Millions and a half of British Money for purposes which are kept secret from the British Parliament.

Distribution of the Sum of £2,500,000.
 Granted to His Majesty to defray
 any Extraordinary Expences which
 may be incurred for the Service, the
 year 1796.

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