

and witnesses are in attendance at the cost of the nation. There should be some limit to this procedure and I recommend that some act be past, placing parties having suits and desiring a postponement, under oath and to satisfy the court of the necessity of postponement and if for want of the presence of a material witness; that they satisfy the court as to the material points they expect to prove by them. I would also call your attention to the financial condition of our nation. For some years the out lay has been greater than the income; and for relief, a funding system was tried, but without success. While this postponed by adding interest to the amount funded, and though it was expected a surplus revenue would accrue from various sources to meet and liquidate this debt, yet the amounts have been so small they have been applied to other purposes.

During the last two years the national debt has increased about \$25.000. Last Year the erection of a capital building seemed a necessity this has been done at a cost of \$ and is included in the amount above. This expense will not have again to be incurred.

I would press upon you the necessity of a reduction of the national expenses; and some legislation by which the national debt can be diminished, and the nation entirely relieved from it. To aid in this, I recommend, as coal mines are being opened in different parts of our country, to supply a demand which seems to increasing; and timber is being cut and sold from the public domain;