

The royal and municipal taxes of importation at the custom-house of the Havannah, in 1823, were 2,734,563 piastres.

The total amount of the revenue of the Havannah, in 1824, was 3,025,300 piastres.

In 1825 the revenue of the town and jurisdiction of the Havannah, was 3,350,300 piastres.

These partial statements shew that, from 1789 to 1824, the public revenue of Cuba has been increased sevenfold.

According to the estimates of the *Cajas matrices*, the public revenue, in 1822, was in the province of the Havannah alone, 4,311,862 piastres; which arose from the custom-house (3,127,918 piastres), from the *ramos de directa entrada*, as lottery, tithes, &c. (601,808 piastres), and anticipations on the charges of the *Consulado* and the *Deposito* (581,978 piastres). The expenditure in the same year, for the island of Cuba, was 2,732,738 piastres, and for the succour destined to maintain the struggle with the continental colonies declared independent, 1,362,029 piastres. In the first class of expenditure we find 1,355,798 piastres for the subsistence of the military forces kept up for the defence of the Havannah and the neighbouring places; and 648,908 piastres for the royal navy stationed in the port of the Havannah. In the second class of expense foreign to the local administration, we find 1,115,672 piastres for the pay of 4234 soldiers, who, after having evacuated Mexico, Columbia, and other parts of the Continent formerly Spanish possessions, passed by the Havannah to return to Spain; 164,000 piastres is the cost the defence of the castle of San Juan de Ulloa.

I here terminate the *Political Essay on the island of Cuba*, in which I have traced the state of that important Spanish possession, as it now is. My object has been to throw light on facts, and give precision to ideas, by the aid of comparisons and statistical tables. That minute investigation of facts is desirable at a moment when, on the one hand enthusiasm exciting to benevolent credulity, and on the other, animosities menacing the security of the new republics, have given rise to the most vague and erroneous statements. I have as far as possible abstained from all reasoning on future chances, and on the probability of the changes.