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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD NORTHWEST OF THE OHIO,

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Purchase money of which has not been fully paid, and the moneys
received for said lands; also, a description of the paper
which has been received, and is still receivable for the same.

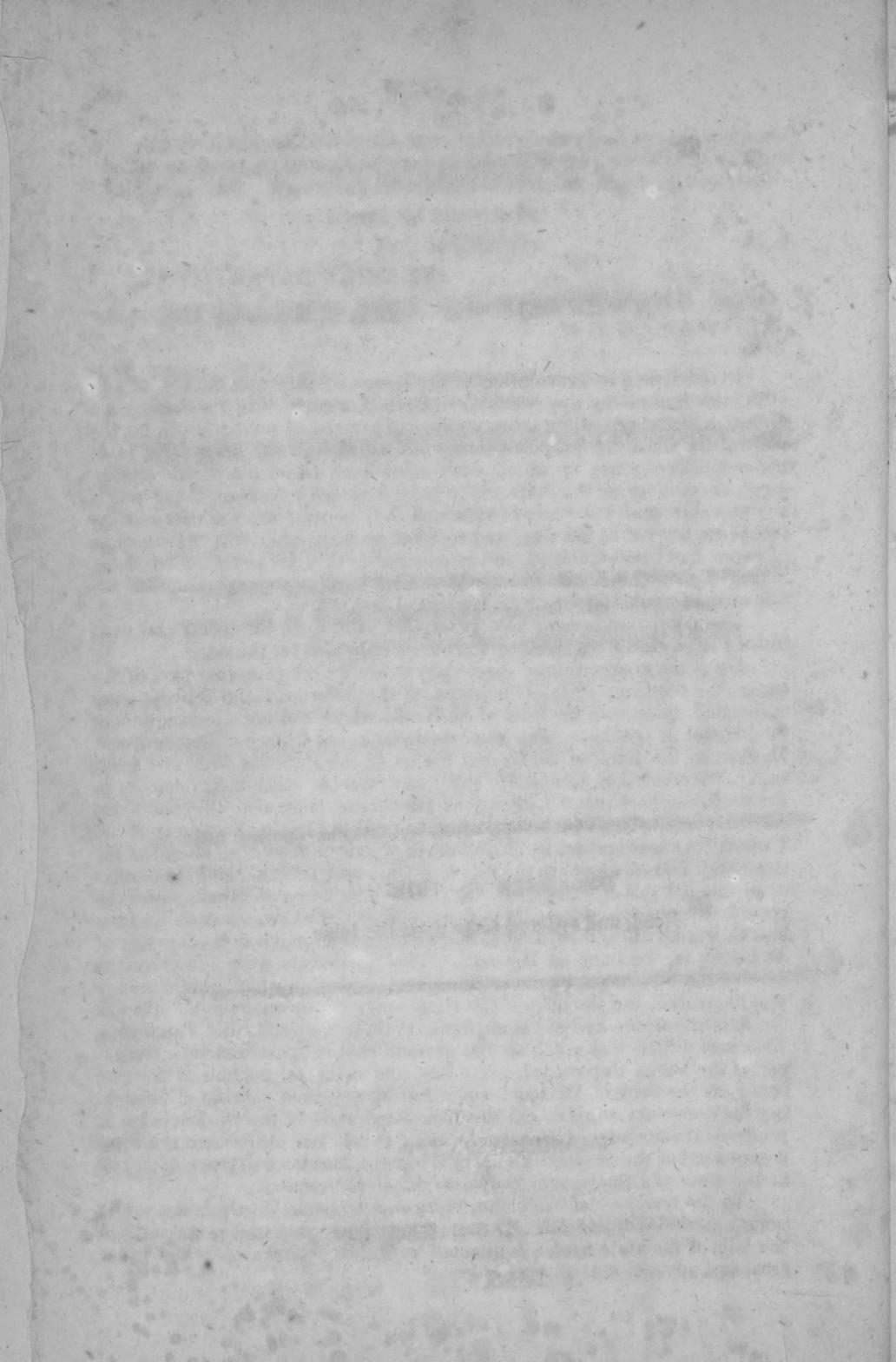
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 17th, 1818.

SIR,

In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 10th inst. requesting the Secretary of the Treasury "to lay before the House, a statement of the sales, public and private, of public lands, north-west of the Ohio, the purchase money of which has not been fully paid; the respective years in which such sales have taken place; the credits given on such sales; the sums which have been paid thereon; those which are now due; and the periods at which they became so; whether any instalments are yet to fall due, and to what amount; also, what description of paper has been received, and is now receivable, in payment for those lands," I have the honor to submit the enclosed statement, from the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The public lands have been invariably sold, upon the terms and conditions of payment required by law.

Upon the resumption of specie payments by the principal part of the banks, the receivers of public moneys, at the different Land Offices, were instructed to receive the bills of no Bank, which did not discharge them on demand in specie. After the establishment of Offices of Discount and Deposit by the Bank of the United States, in the states of Ohio and Kentucky, the receivers, who could, with convenience, make their deposits in those offices, were instructed to that effect; and were also directed to receive no bank note, which would not be credited to the Treasurer of the United States as specie, by the office in which it should be tendered for deposit. The receivers in the states of Ohio and Indiana, and the receiver of the district of Shawneetown, in the now state of Illinois, were directed to make their deposits in those offices. The receivers at Kaskaskia, Edwardsville and St. Louis, were directed to make their deposits at St. Louis, in the bank of Missouri. Those receivers were authorized to receive the bills of the banks in the several states, in which public money was deposited, and the bills of the state banks of the commercial cities in the Atlantic states, and of the old banks of Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. This instruction was given on the ground, that in those districts, the paper of the banks designated, must form the principal portion of the currency, as the bank of Missouri, could not be supposed capable of furnishing the necessary supply; and the disordered state of the St. Louis bank, rendered it imprudent to receive its bills. It was not until since the commencement of the present session of Congress, that the existence of a bank in the state of Illinois, was known to this department.

In the territory of Michigan, there was no bank, in which the public money could be deposited. The currency there consisted principally of the bills of the state banks, connected with it by convenience and other local and adventitious circumstances.

At St Louis, sales of lands, have taken place which are not embraced in the enclosed statement, but not to a great extent, prior to the 30th of September last. No return subsequent to that date, has been received.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The Honorable H. Clay,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Statement of Lands sold, northwest of the Ohio, the purchase money of which has not been fully paid, and of moneys received for said Lands.

When sold.		Acres.	100ths	Amount.		Receipts.	
				Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.
In the year ending 30th September	1812	391,664	65	849,632	09 $\frac{1}{2}$	699,460	16 $\frac{3}{4}$
“	1813	256,345	58	560,540	58	579,793	67 $\frac{1}{4}$
“	1814	823,264	47	1,702,016	01	1,036,937	85 $\frac{3}{4}$
“	1815	1,092,979	62	2,285,680	86	1,249,249	38
“	1816	1,131,956	35	2,464,792	93	1,281,151	01 $\frac{1}{4}$
“	1817	1,414,952	49	3,090,868	29	1,769,986	20 $\frac{1}{4}$
In the last quarter of	1817	460,889	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	922,807	87	532,648	85 $\frac{3}{4}$
In the three first quarters of	1818	1,245,106	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,571,336	61	1,465,822	65 $\frac{1}{4}$
		6,817,159	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	13,447,675	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,615,055	80 $\frac{1}{4}$

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Statement of Lands sold, northwest of the Ohio—continued.

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Of the above were sold by auction.		Acres.	100ths	Dolls.	Cts.				
At Cincinatti, in	1811	62,801	90	159,665	90				
Jeffersonville	1814	10,193	54	20,768	76				
Shawneetown	1814	19,199	31	41,247	38				
Chillicothe	1816	17,182	52	43,224	27				
Jeffersonvills	"	63,479	67	162,144	63				
Vincennes	"	168,666	07	460,063	72				
Kaskaskia	"	5,289	70	11,684	63				
Edwardsville	"	1,048	80	2,097	60				
Shawneetown	"	4,052	83	8,157	81				
Wooster	"	30,027	73	288,904					
Detroit	"	17,387	30	72,540	13	399,329	37		
Remainder sold by private sales, ac's.						6,417,829	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	13,177,176	41 $\frac{1}{2}$

Total balance due by individuals 30th Sept. 1818, as per annual statement }
 furnished to Congress, this day, payable in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years. } \$7,290,489 55

N. B. The lands sold prior to the year 1812, have been paid for, or have reverted to the United States, because the period of original credit, and the extension of time for payment, (3 years) have expired.
 General Land Office, December, 1818.

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