

STATE OF THE TREASURY, 1841 AND 1843—APPROPRIATIONS, 1829 TO 1843—PUBLIC DEBT, 1841 AND 1843.

LETTER

FROM

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Statements from the Register of the Treasury, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d February, 1843.

MAY 19, 1843.

Received at the office of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES,

February 23, 1843.

Mr. Fillmore, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House—

First. The amount of outstanding appropriations on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843.

Second. The amount of available means in the Treasury on each of those days to meet such appropriations.

Third. The amount of means used to defray the expenses of the Government, over and above the ordinary revenues of the Government from customs and the public lands, for the four years preceding the 4th day of March, 1841, and for the two years succeeding that time, and what such means were.

Fourth. The amount of appropriations which have been made since the 4th day of March, 1841, for arrearages or liabilities existing prior to that time.

Fifth. The amount of appropriations for each year, from the 4th of March, 1829, to the 4th of March, 1843, exclusive of the public debt and trust funds.

Sixth. The amount of the public debt on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843.

FEBRUARY 25, 1843.

The following letters were received and read, viz :

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 25, 1843.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Register of the Treasury, setting forth the impracticability of answering the several points of inquiry contained in the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, on motion of Mr. Fillmore, on the 23d instant, during the present session of Congress.

From the commencement of the present form of Government, the accounts of the United States have been made up only quarterly. To separate the amounts received, appropriated, and expended, up to and from any given date except the end of a quarter, when the balances are struck, requires an analysis of all the accounts running at that date. It will be seen, from the explanation of the Register, that this cannot be effected short of several weeks.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. FORWARD,

Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. JOHN WHITE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, REGISTER'S OFFICE,

February 24, 1843.

SIR: I have the honor to state, in reference to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d instant, that the statements called for cannot be prepared within less than four or five weeks after the close of the present session.

The invariable rule of the Department has been to exhibit the receipts and expenditures of the Government for the calendar year, and, at the close of the year, the balance of each specific appropriation. To ascertain, therefore, the balance of all appropriations on the 4th of March, 1841, and the 4th of March, 1843, as called for by the first clause of the resolution, will require to be ascertained, up to *those* days, respectively, the amount of payments and repayments under each specific appropriation, (about 800.)

To obtain the information asked for under the 4th clause of the resolution, will require considerable time and careful investigation; and to comply with the fifth, for the reasons above mentioned, with respect to answering the first clause, will require also considerable examination of the accounts and records.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

T. L. SMITH.

HON. WALTER FORWARD,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The above letters having been read and laid on the table, it was

Ordered, That, on the receipt of the documents therein referred to by the Clerk, he be directed to cause the same to be printed, as also ten thousand extra copies thereof.

MAY 19, 1843.

Received at the office of the House of Representatives, and printed in pursuance of the above order.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *May 18, 1843.*

SIR : In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d February, 1843, I submit, herewith, statements prepared by the Register of the Treasury, showing—

1. The amounts of outstanding appropriations on the 4th of March, 1841, and on the 4th of March, 1843.
2. The amount of available means in the Treasury on each of those days, to meet such appropriations.
3. The amount of means used to defray the expenses of the Government, over and above the ordinary revenues of the Government from customs and the public lands, for the four years preceding the 4th day of March, 1841, and for the two years succeeding that time, and what such means were.
4. The amount of appropriations which have been made since the 4th day of March, 1841, for arrearages or liabilities prior to that time.
5. The amount of appropriations for each year, from the 4th of March, 1829, to the 4th of March, 1843, exclusive of the public debt and trust funds.
6. The amount of the public debt on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843.

With great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The Hon. the SPEAKER

of the House of Representatives.

Statement of the amounts of outstanding appropriations on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d day of February, 1843.

Amount of outstanding appropriations on the 4th day of March, 1841	\$26,977,611 83
Amount of outstanding appropriations on the 4th day of March, 1843	31,589,337 62

NOTE.—The amount of outstanding appropriations on the 4th day of March, 1843, includes appropriations for the half calendar year ending the 30th of June, 1843, and also for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1844.

Statement of the amount of available means in the Treasury on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d day of February, 1843.

Available means in the Treasury on the 4th day of March, 1841, agreeably to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 2d day of June, 1841:		
Balances subject to draft on the 4th day of March, 1841, in the hands of the several Treasury agents—		
General depositories, under act of 4th July, 1840	-	\$749,125 12
Collectors of the customs	-	7,023 87
Receivers of public money	-	234,511 10
Banks, special accounts of specie	-	50,042 50
Mint and branches, for purchasing bullion	-	215,151 88
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		1,255,854 47
From which deduct the following—		
Amount of outstanding drafts on suspense account	-	\$93,798 66
Mint and branches, for purchasing bullion	-	215,151 88
Trust funds	-	300,000 00
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		608,950 54
Available balance	-	<hr/>
		646,903 93
Balances of deposits, prior to suspension in 1837, in banks		<hr/>
		\$129,363 63
Balances subject to draft on the 4th of March, 1843—		
In banks, special accounts of specie	-	\$5,458,731 05
Collectors of the customs	-	59,177 85
Receivers of public money	-	265,522 54
Mint and branches, for purchasing bullion	-	385,199 04
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		6,168,630 48
From which deduct the following—		
Amount of outstanding drafts on suspense account	-	\$8,220 99
Mint and branches, for purchasing bullion	-	385,199 04
Trust funds	-	436,649 85
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		830,069 88
Available balance	-	<hr/>
		5,338,560 60
Balances of deposits, prior to suspension in 1837, in banks		<hr/>
		\$65,582 62

Statement of the amount of means used to defray the expenses of the Government, over and above the ordinary revenues of the Government from customs and the public lands, for the four years preceding the 4th day of March, 1841, and for the two years succeeding that time, and what such means were, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d day of February, 1843.

Sources of revenue.	Amount.
<i>From 4th March, 1837, to 3d March, 1838.</i>	
New internal revenue	\$5,485 31
New direct tax	1,687 70
Patent fund	29,901 08
Cents coined at the mint	8,530 00
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures	243 56
Sale of lot and buildings formerly occupied by the mint of the United States	2,120 00
Sale of a house and lot at Newburyport	1,916 48
Sale of a shed formerly occupied in making standards of weights and measures	96 75
Interest on public deposits	200,629 67
First instalment of principal and interest, due in September, 1837, from the Bank of the United States	1,364,965 44
Debts due by banks to the United States	7,294 04
Treasury notes issued under the act of 12th October, 1837.	6,681,314 06
Repayments, considered as receipts	13,677 81
	8,317,861 90
<i>From 4th March, 1838, to 3d March, 1839.</i>	
New internal revenue	\$2,467 27
Surplus of annual emoluments of officers of the customs	2,305 73
Patent fund	40,490 45
Cents coined at the mint	10,551 37
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures	1,366 14
Persons unknown, stated to be due to the United States	31 00
Sources unknown	13 06
Moneys refunded which had been fraudulently obtained from the Treasury under act of 15th May, 1828, for revolutionary claims	306 19
Moneys refunded which had been fraudulently obtained from the Treasury by representatives of James Claverus, deceased, on account of half pay as an officer	244 66
Overpayment in entering lands at Demopolis, Alabama	53 37
Documents sold	18 00
Moneys deposited with Baring, Brothers, & Company, London	28 67
Interest on public deposits	128,816 35

STATEMENT—Continued.

Sources of revenue.	Amount.
Dividends on stock in Louisville and Portland Canal Company	\$55,138.00
Second instalment of principal and interest, due in September, 1838, from the Bank of the United States	2,287,230 84
Third instalment of principal and interest, due in September, 1839, from the Bank of the United States	2,254,871 38
Debts due by banks to the United States	108,752 48
Treasury notes issued under acts of 12th October, 1837, and 21st May, 1838	9,028,495 95
Repayments, considered as receipts	16,230 55
	<hr/> 13,937,411 46 <hr/>
<i>From 4th March, 1839, to 3d March, 1840.</i>	
New internal revenue	\$2,553 32
New direct tax	755 22
Surplus emoluments of officers of the customs	2,968 92
Patent fund	39,061 95
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures	2,976 18
Persons unknown, stated to be due to the United States	140 00
Moneys refunded, which had been fraudulently obtained from the Treasury under act of 15th May, 1828, for revolutionary claims	127 79
Moneys refunded which had been fraudulently obtained from the Treasury under act of 7th June, 1832, for revolutionary pensions	422 85
Moneys received for coins recovered from the ruins of the Treasury building	593 70
Moneys received under act of 23d January, 1815, providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in Mississippi Territory	546 40
Moneys received under a judgment for 120 bags of coffee confiscated	1,827 30
Dividends on stock in Louisville and Portland Canal Company	40,628 00
Interest on public deposits	14,765 39
Interest on bonds due from certain banks	10,790 09
Debts due by banks to the United States	37,283 03
Moneys heretofore paid into the Treasury to the credit of the late Treasurer, in sundry banks, and remaining uncovered by warrant, in consequence of the parties entitled to credit being unknown	81,479 46
Treasury notes issued under the act of 2d March, 1839	3,857,276 21
Repayments, considered as receipts	8,977 18
	<hr/> 4,103,172 99 <hr/>

STATEMENT—Continued.

Sources of revenue.	Amount.
<i>From 4th March, 1840, to 3d March, 1841.</i>	
New internal revenue	\$2,049 41
Surplus emoluments of officers of the customs	5,073 09
Patent fund	38,405 39
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures	5,316 76
Persons unknown, stated to be due to the United States	102 00
Moneys refunded which had been fraudulently obtained under act of 7th June, 1832, for revolutionary pensions	100 00
Moneys received from foreign coins originally purchased with the funds of the customs	50 96
Moneys overpaid for examining land offices	1 20
Moneys received for vacant land in the county of Washington, D. C.	142 60
Proceeds of sale of lions presented by the Emperor of Morocco to the President of the United States	291 47
Proceeds of sale of horses, under resolution of Congress	993 28
Interest on debts due from banks to the United States	50,032 23
Interest on bonds due from banks to the United States	24,084 39
Debts due from banks to the United States	7,070 78
Moneys received for deposits made in sundry banks, not heretofore covered by warrant on the late Treasurer of the United States, (John Campbell)	84,521 63
Fourth instalment of principal and interest, due in September, 1840, from the Bank of the United States	1,774,513 80
Treasury notes issued under the act of March 31, 1840	7,374,339 91
Repayments, considered as receipts	64,850 31
	<u>9,431,939 21</u>
<i>From 4th March, 1841, to 3d March, 1842.</i>	
New internal revenue	\$2,894 20
Surplus emoluments of officers of the customs	13,006 90
Patent fund	33,938 76
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures	6,681 41
Persons unknown, stated to be due to the United States	499 55
Copper coinage at the mint, Philadelphia	126 92
Moneys received from vacant land in the county of Washington, D. C.	1 24
Moneys received on account of the United States trading establishment with Indians	5,702 73
Surplus remaining in hands of receiver general at New York	51 50
Dividends on stock in Louisville and Portland Canal Company	24,649 95
Debts due from banks to the United States	7,393 17

STATEMENT—Continued.

Sources of revenue.	Amount.
Treasury notes issued under acts of March 31, 1840, &c. -	\$9,795,491 24
Fourth instalment of principal and interest, due in September, 1840, from the Bank of the United States -	672,769 38
Loan of twelve millions of dollars, authorized by act 21st July, 1841 -	5,665,756 88
Repayments, considered as receipts -	7,017 88
	<hr/> 16,235,981 71 <hr/>
<i>From 4th March, 1842, to 3d March, 1843.</i>	
Fines, penalties, and forfeitures -	\$1,592 44
Treasury notes issued under acts of 31st January, 1842, &c. -	8,459,032 63
Loan of 1841 and 1842 -	8,308,688 23
Patent fund -	35,670 96
Surplus emoluments of district attorneys -	148 58
Received from persons unknown -	206 70
Dividends on stock in Louisville and Portland Canal Company -	56,912 53
Surplus emoluments of officers of the customs -	335 53
Debts due by banks to the United States -	32,367 06
On account of United States trading establishments with the Indians -	1,456 92
New internal revenue -	547 19
Repayments, considered as receipts -	2,140 60
	<hr/> 16,899,099 37 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

From 4th March, 1837, to 3d March, 1838 -	\$8,317,861 90
From 4th March, 1838, to 3d March, 1839 -	13,937,411 46
From 4th March, 1839, to 3d March, 1840 -	4,103,172 99
From 4th March, 1840, to 3d March, 1841 -	9,431,939 21
From 4th March, 1841, to 3d March, 1842 -	16,235,981 71
From 4th March, 1842, to 3d March, 1843 -	16,899,099 37
	<hr/> 68,925,466 64 <hr/>

Statement of the amount of appropriations which have been made since the 4th day of March, 1841, for arrearages or liabilities existing prior to that time, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d day of February, 1843.

Amount of appropriations since the 4th day of March, 1841, for arrearages or liabilities existing prior to that time -	\$3,289,534 89
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NOTE.—The above sum has been ascertained principally from the laws of Congress, and must of course be only an approximation to the true amount. There are no data in this office on which to found a full and an accurate statement. This could only be done by references to the several Departments. A number of acts have been passed, indefinite in their character, the amounts appropriated by which would be properly included in the above sum, could they be ascertained. These appropriations being limited to the settlements by the accounting officers, (and as yet there have been no expenditures under them,) the amounts of course cannot be included.

Statement of the amount of appropriations for each year, from the 4th day of March, 1829, to the 4th day of March, 1843, exclusive of the public debt and trust funds, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d of February, 1843.

Periods.	Amount.
From the 4th March, 1829, to 3d March, 1830 - -	\$4,042,145 30
From the 4th March, 1830, to 3d March, 1831 - -	24,342,714 06
From the 4th March, 1831, to 3d March, 1832 - -	6,686,241 06
From the 4th March, 1832, to 3d March, 1833 - -	29,481,130 66
From the 4th March, 1833, to 3d March, 1834 - -	11,543,481 77
From the 4th March, 1834, to 3d March, 1835 - -	30,573,968 12
From the 4th March, 1835, to 3d March, 1836 - -	4,463,516 67
From the 4th March, 1836, to 3d March, 1837 - -	64,003,808 08
From the 4th March, 1837, to 3d March, 1838 - -	7,384,642 00
From the 4th March, 1838, to 3d March, 1839 - -	52,651,508 92
From the 4th March, 1839, to 3d March, 1840 - -	4,189,560 42
From the 4th March, 1840, to 3d March, 1841 - -	37,979,160 50
From the 4th March, 1841, to 3d March, 1842 - -	8,738,727 13
From the 4th March, 1842, to 3d March, 1843 - -	46,393,509 54

NOTE.—The last amount in the above statement includes appropriations for the half calendar year ending 30th June, 1843, and also for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844. Indefinite and permanent appropriations are included in all of the above sums.

Statement of the amount of the public debt on the 4th day of March, 1841, and on the 4th day of March, 1843, stated in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 23d day of February, 1843.

Amount of the public debt on the 4th day of March, 1841, including Treasury notes	\$8,381,555 70
Amount of the public debt on the 4th day of March, 1843, including Treasury notes	27,394,261 13

T. L. SMITH, Register.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, May 18, 1843.

Note.—The last amount in the above statement includes appropriations for the half calendar year ending 30th June, 1843, and also for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1844. Indefinite and permanent appropriations are included in all of the above sums.