

REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING,

*In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, statements showing the expenditures of the Government from 1824 to 1839, inclusive.*

MAY 7, 1840.

Read, and ordered to be printed, and that 30,000 additional copies be sent to the Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *May 4, 1840.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit this report, in compliance with the following resolution passed by the Senate on the 24th ultimo:

“*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury report to the Senate the aggregate amount of all expenditures or payments of every kind from the Treasury in each year, from 1824 to 1839, inclusive, in one column; and, in another column for each year, the aggregate amount, independent of the payments on account of the public debt, whether funded or unfunded; and, in a third column, the aggregate amount for permanent and ordinary purposes, excluding payments on account of objects either extraordinary or temporary—such as the public debt; trust funds and indemnities; claims of States for war debts, or three per cents on lands sold; occasional donations in money to objects in the District of Columbia, or otherwise; survey of the coast; taking the census; duties refunded; the exploring expedition, and materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy; durable public buildings of all kinds; bridges and fortifications; all roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors; arming militia and forts; all pensions, except those to invalids, and the purchases of title to lands from Indians; the removal of Indians, and their wars; with such other payments as may have been made in those years for property lost, or injuries committed, during any hostilities.”

This resolution was on the same day referred to the Register of the Treasury, with instructions to prepare a tabular statement containing the information desired, in three separate columns. It is hereto annexed, marked A.

He was requested also to prepare another statement showing the specific sum which had been deducted each year on account of each item mentioned in the resolution as either extraordinary or temporary. Believing that this would be highly useful, as showing the details on which the general results in the third column of the first statement rest, and as embracing many statistical facts possessing in themselves much interest, I have annexed it, marked B.

Unless some accidental omission or other error has occurred, these two statements will present all the information desired by the resolution.

With high respect,

LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

Hon. R. M. JOHNSON,  
*Vice President of the United States, and  
President of the Senate.*

A.

*Statement of expenditures of the United States, from the year 1824 to the year 1839, inclusive; agreeably to a resolution of the Senate of the 24th of April, 1840.*

Years.	Aggregate amount of all expenditures, or payments of every kind, from the Treasury.	Aggregate amount independent of the payments on account of the public debt, whether funded or unfunded.	Aggregate amount for permanent and ordinary purposes, excluding payments on account of objects either extraordinary or temporary.*
1824	\$31,898,538 47	\$15,330,144 71	\$7,107,892 05
1825	23,585,804 72	11,490,459 94	6,537,671 27
1826	24,103,398 46	13,062,316 27	7,058,872 12
1827	22,656,764 04	12,653,095 65	7,427,175 78
1828	25,459,479 52	13,296,041 45	7,788,394 86
1829	25,044,358 40	12,660,460 62	7,503,204 46
1830	24,585,281 55	13,229,533 33	7,624,827 56
1831	30,038,446 12	13,864,067 90	7,679,412 66
1832	34,356,698 06	16,516,388 77	8,562,650 42
1833	24,257,298 49	22,713,755 11	8,827,095 77
1834	24,601,982 44	18,425,417 25	9,667,797 97
1835	17,573,141 56	17,514,950 28	9,157,490 32
1836	30,868,164 04	30,868,164 04	11,688,987 18
1837	37,265,037 15	37,243,214 24	13,098,321 83
1838	39,455,438 35	33,849,718 08	13,837,594 44
1839	37,129,396 80	25,982,797 75	13,325,800 18

\* "Such as the public debt, trust funds, indemnities, claims of States for war debts, or 3 per cents on lands sold; occasional donations in money to objects in the District of Columbia, or otherwise; survey of the coast; taking the census; duties refunded; exploring expedition; and materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy, (including improvements at navy yards;) durable public buildings of all kinds; bridges and fortifications; all roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors; arming militia and forts; all pensions, except those to invalids; and the purchases of title to lands from Indians, (Indian Department;) the removal of Indians, and the wars; with such other payments as may have been made in those years for property lost, or injuries committed, during any hostilities." None of these years or columns include any thing on account of the Post Office Department.

NOTE.—The expenditures of 1839 are subject to variation on the settlement of the Treasurer's accounts for that year; which have not yet reached this office.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Register's Office, May 4, 1840.*

T. L. SMITH, *Register.*

## B.

## Statement of payments on account of objects either extraordinary or temporary, including the public debt, from 1824 to 1839.

	1824.	1825.	1826.	1827.
Public debt - - - - -	\$16,568,393 76	\$12,095,344 78	\$11,041,082 19	\$10,003,668 39
Trust funds - - - - -	-	-	4,297 55	2,202 50
Indemnities - - - - -	4,891,368 56	93,234 51	9,967 88	401,288 45
Claims of States for war debts - - - - -	5,510 27	185,090 67	152,107 84	118,177 60
Three per cent. on lands sold - - - - -	47,714 53	57,221 89	37,208 75	27,982 37
Two per cent. on account of Cumberland road - - - - -	17,000 00	35,850 00	125,469 00	189,230 00
Occasional donations in money to objects in District of Columbia - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Survey of the coast - - - - -	4,375 19	1,972 39	1,299 43	4,078 43
Taking the census - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Duties refunded - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Exploring expedition - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy (including improvements at navy-yards) - - - - -	423,342 46	712,665 63	1,615,731 41	1,274,786 52
Durable public buildings of all kinds - - - - -	180,309 67	190,809 42	177,467 63	408,233 32
Bridges and fortifications - - - - -	429,972 04	762,711 24	756,447 55	633,835 81
Roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors (except Cumberland road) - - - - -	56,955 99	334,353 02	488,740 02	275,268 14
Arming militia and forts - - - - -	171,155 43	172,348 09	196,828 64	262,810 59
All pensions, except those of invalids - - - - -	1,267,600 41	1,508,810 57	1,305,194 82	805,571 30
Purchase of titles to lands from Indians (Indian Department) - - - - -	429,987 90	724,106 44	743,447 83	708,447 35
Removal of Indians, and the wars - - - - -	-	-	-	42,177 53
Such other payments as may have been made for property lost or injuries committed during any hostilities, and other miscellaneous items of an extraordinary or temporary character - - - - -	296,960 21	173,614 80	389,235 80	71,829 96
	8,222,252 66	4,952,788 67	6,003,444 15	5,225,919 87

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	1828.	1829.	1830.	1831.
Public debt - - - - -	\$12,163,438 07	\$12,383,867 78	\$11,355,748 22	\$16,174,378 22
Trust funds - - - - -	46,217 14	132,599 41	3,472 24	3,463 00
Indemnities - - - - -	791,029 40	28,168 78	-	281 76
Claims of States for war debts - - - - -	7,906 76	2,929 25	16,115 09	421,896 42
Three per cent. on lands sold - - - - -	29,029 82	14,207 87	30,503 90	42,964 16
Two per cent. on account of Cumberland road - - - - -	193,108 36	207,437 64	226,831 82	172,406 85
Occasional donations in money to objects in District of Columbia - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Survey of the coast - - - - -	1,154 87	34 07	-	-
Taking the census - - - - -	-	-	42,000 00	328,781 14
Duties refunded - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Exploring expedition - - - - -	-	-	-	-
Materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy (including improvements at navy-yards) - - - - -	801,020 02	543,996 97	590,178 10	811,466 44
Durable public buildings of all kinds - - - - -	302,343 74	278,625 94	249,921 22	266,872 95
Bridges and fortifications - - - - -	637,558 43	824,279 51	902,660 86	764,712 33
Roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors (except Cumberland road) - - - - -	375,906 59	1,088,832 97	962,408 49	808,913 31
Arming militia and forts - - - - -	362,189 69	356,421 98	317,210 22	255,052 22
All pensions, except those of invalids - - - - -	1,137,905 43	1,057,175 08	1,322,079 16	1,235,101 37
Purchase of titles to lands from Indians (Indian Department) - - - - -	633,973 71	534,301 74	557,574 23	736,592 76
Removal of Indians, and the wars - - - - -	71,110 53	26,997 54	56,213 05	191,263 11
Such other payments as may have been made for property lost or injuries committed during any hostilities, and other miscellaneous items of an extraordinary or temporary character - - - - -	117,192 10	61,227 41	327,537 39	144,887 42
	5,507,646 59	5,157,256 16	5,604,705 77	6,184,655 24

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	1832.	1833.	1834.	1835.
Public debt - - - - -	\$17,840,309 29	\$1,543,543 38	\$6,176,565 19	\$58,191 28
Trust funds - - - - -	168,692 29	24,965 45	163,739 03	
Indemnities - - - - -	2,254 08	679,617 80	15,024 15	508,436 93
Claims of States for war debts - - - - -	780,657 63	289,576 59	157,274 91	31,578 06
Three per cent. on lands sold - - - - -	133,039 74	96,201 97	108,848 00	50,098 58
Two per cent. on account of Cumberland road - - - - -	363,684 37	517,187 39	624,045 03	949,144 22
Occasional donations in money to objects in District of Columbia - - - - -	32,000 00	313,000 00	117,738 95	159,675 01
Survey of the coast - - - - -	14,927 67	19,531 47	30,051 32	34,686 89
Taking the census - - - - -	32,447 86	300 00		
Duties refunded - - - - -	-	701,760 70	111,835 32	4,778 04
Exploring expedition - - - - -	-			
Materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy (including improvements at navy yards) - - - - -	868,552 47	789,290 72	512,325 04	789,904 37
Durable public buildings of all kinds - - - - -	235,293 97	641,306 65	660,104 71	776,251 27
Bridges and fortifications - - - - -	583,199 94	868,284 99	590,271 35	336,373 29
Roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors (except Cumberland road) - - - - -	824,655 62	1,216,344 71	804,606 96	831,257 16
Arming militia and forts - - - - -	289,565 83	345,500 23	270,400 43	282,147 96
All pensions, except those of invalids - - - - -	1,237,704 73	4,486,383 20	3,289,821 02	1,867,035 78
Purchase of titles to lands from Indians (Indian Department) - - - - -	1,056,277 09	1,390,450 28	842,557 25	1,497,867 67
Removal of Indians, and the wars - - - - -	757,222 83	1,272,759 57	294,988 70	142,371 34
Such other payments as may have been made for property lost or injuries committed during any hostilities, and other miscellaneous items of an extraordinary or temporary character - - - - -	573,562 23	215,197 62	163,997 11	95,853 39
	7,953,738 35	13,886,659 34	8,757,619 28	8,357,459 96

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	1836.	1837.	1838.	1839.
Public debt - - - - -	-	\$21,822 91	\$5,605,720 27	\$11,146,599 05
Trust funds - - - - -	\$1,191,232 94	1,285,968 74	1,329,744 80	240,694 18
Indemnities - - - - -	225,555 57	4,369,065 32	975,577 09	717,552 27
Claims of States for war debts - - - - -	55,994 85	70,852 32	107,707 79	4,875 50
Three per cent. on lands sold - - - - -	963,993 94	460,542 00	26,894 96	63,670 00
Two per cent. on account of Cumberland road - - - - -	368,356 90	406,734 60	351,977 62	198,520 00
Occasional donations in money to objects in District of Columbia - - - - -	131,244 62	235,240 75	177,617 15	126,374 77
Survey of the coast - - - - -	36,393 59	97,900 00	88,937 30	91,995 78
Taking the census - - - - -	-	-	-	12,000 00
Duties refunded - - - - -	1,149 96	333,740 00	454,586 69	179,304 30
Exploring expedition - - - - -	202,706 08	97,293 92	* 161,413 91	* 97,968 36
Materials collected for the gradual improvement of the navy (including improvements at navy yards) - - - - -	843,833 14	860,116 34	608,541 09	714,857 74
Durable public buildings of all kinds - - - - -	868,134 97	1,086,029 52	1,186,551 08	1,248,044 97
Bridges and fortifications - - - - -	858,543 21	966,665 33	543,544 47	735,570 87
Roads, canals, breakwaters, and improvements in rivers and harbors (except Cumberland road) - - - - -	958,341 44	1,493,310 42	1,191,802 84	1,000,491 59
Arming militia and forts - - - - -	498,561 47	587,118 44	450,121 11	474,906 35
All pensions, except those of invalids - - - - -	2,559,899 39	2,471,986 07	1,937,068 10	3,033,764 28
Purchase of titles to lands from Indians (Indian Department) - - - - -	3,009,040 72	2,484,185 20	4,603,518 72	1,708,123 12
Removal of Indians, and the wars - - - - -	5,945,613 09	6,524,211 73	5,414,192 75	1,775,914 13
Such other payments as may have been made for property lost or injuries committed during any hostilities, and other miscellaneous items of an extraordinary or temporary character - - - - -	470,580 98	313,931 71	402,326 17	232,369 36
	19,179,176 86	24,144,892 41	20,012,123 64	12,656,997 57

\* Obtained from the Fourth Auditor's Office.

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