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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1838.

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE TREASURY,

ON THE

F I N A N C E S ,

DECEMBER 31, 1837.

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STATE OF MAINE.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 31, 1837.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IN obedience to the directions of an Act of the Legislature, passed Anno Domini, 1822, relative to the annual exhibition of the state of the Finances, the Commissioner of the Treasury respectfully submits the following

REPORT.

The money in the Treasury on the first day of January, 1837, was	\$24,996 81
There has been received into the Treasury for the current year,	278,613 28
Making a total of	<u>\$303,610 09</u>
The payments <i>from</i> the Treasury for the same period, amount to	258,188 35
Leaving a balance on hand of	<u>\$45,421 74</u>

The subjoined table, No. 1, exhibits my account as made up for the year now ending. No. 2, furnishes a more detailed statement of the various items constituting the expenditures and receipts of the year.

Of the Public Debt.

The debt now due from the State, amounts to	\$280,568 29
Viz : A loan at 5 per cent. payable on the 22d day of May, 1838, of	10,000
A loan at 5 per cent. payable on the 22d day of May, 1838, of	15,000
A loan at 5 per cent. payable on the 16th day of June, 1839, of	20,000
A loan at 5 per cent. payable on the 1st of January, 1840, of	10,000
A loan of 5 per cent. made in 1837, payable one half in 5 years, and the other half in 8 years, of	9,000
Loans at 5 per cent. made in 1837, payable one half in 5 years, and the other half in 8 years, of	9,576 44
Loans at 5 per cent. made from Banks in 1836, redeemable in 5 annual instalments,	50,000
Loans at 5 per cent. made from Banks in 1837, redeemable in 5 annual instalments,	156,991 85
Making a total of	<u>\$280,568 29</u>

Of the Public Debt there will be payable of principal and interest at different periods in 1838, \$80,500

The Committee on Finance estimated the receipts from the Land department,

For 1836, at	120,000	
“ 1837, at	<u>75,000</u>	195,000

The amount paid into the Treasury from that department, has been

For 1836,	44,591 66	
“ 1837,	<u>11,910 05</u>	<u>56,501 71</u>

Making a deficit below the estimates of \$138,498 29

The great falling off in the receipts of the Land department, the suspension for several years past of a State Tax, and the appropriation of the Bank tax heretofore applied to defray the expenses of the Government, but now to the support of primary Schools, will account for the necessity of a resort to loans to meet the demands upon the Treasury and the consequent increase of the Public debt. The amount now due the Land department is nominally more than sufficient to pay off the public debt; but in the present embarrassed state of the money market and the limited demand for the public lands

the receipts from this source will be of uncertain amount, and cannot therefore be relied upon to any considerable extent to meet the demands upon the Treasury.



***Of the present Liabilities and Resources
of the Treasury.***

The liabilities are as follows :

Funded Debt,	\$280,568 29
Penobscot Indians' Fund,	60,960 50
Annual School Fund No. 1,	117 78
“ “ “ 3,	153 31
“ “ “ 4,	214 91
“ “ “ 5,	49,415 26
On Roll of Accounts No. 15,	13 87
“ “ “ 16,	44 79
“ “ “ 17,	70 50
“ “ “ 18,	211 76
Surplus Revenue,	22,180 91
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	\$413,951 88

NOTE. The late Treasurer having had the sole management of the Surplus Revenue, appropriated to this State, will make a special Report of his doings. The above sum of \$22,180 91 paid into the Treasury by him is to remain in deposit with the State until the plantations to whom it has been apportioned shall be duly organized.

The Resources of the State, are as follows :

Amount now in the Treasury,	\$45,421 74
Notes and Bills receivable,	11,447 81
Uncollected State taxes,	34 26
“ County taxes,	469 09
Total of Treasury resources,	<u>\$57,372 90</u>
Balance against the Treasury,	<u>\$356,578 98</u>



Other Resources of the State which are not immediately available.

100 shares Augusta Bank, Augusta,	\$10,000
50 “ Maine Bank, Portland,	5,000
60 “ Mercantile Bank, Bangor,	6,000
	<u>\$21,000</u>

Notes in the hands of the Land Agent, \$326,751 12

Notes in the hands of J. O'Brien, Warden—supposed of little value—nominal amount about \$12,000

A claim jointly with Massachusetts against the United States for monies expended during the late war—amount not known.

Lands within the limits and belonging to this State—value unknown.

Of the Annual School Fund.

The amount received from the Banks in operation in this State for the year 1837, being a tax of one per cent. on the capital, is

	\$49,415 26
Balance of School Fund No. 1,	117 78
“ “ “ 3,	153 31
“ “ “ 4,	214 91
	\$49,901 26

The amount received from the Banks, for the year 1837, is by law to be distributed in February next for the use of Primary Schools among the cities, towns and plantations of the State.

***Weights and Measures.***

By Act of Congress passed in June, 1836, a set of standards completed under the direction of the Treasurer of the United States, is to be distributed to each of the States.

The set belonging to this State will probably be received the ensuing spring, when it will become the duty of the Treasurer, or some persons appointed by him, to compare the weights and measures now in use, with the new public standard of the State. To secure all the benefits intended by the Act of Congress aforesaid, it probably will be necessary to revise the laws of the State in relation to this subject.

***Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures
for 1838.***

The tables hereto subjoined, numbered three and four, exhibit, so far as can be ascertained, the probable receipts and expenditures for the year 1838.

The amount which will be required to pay the bounty on wheat raised within this State the past season, must necessarily remain uncertain until full and complete returns shall have been made to the Legislature ; still it is believed that the estimate will be found large enough to meet the claims upon the Treasury, growing out of this wise and excellent provision of our law.

The law establishing this department, confining the duty of the Treasurer in making his Annual Report to an exhibit of the state of the Finances simply, I now respectfully submit this Report to your consideration.

DANIEL WILLIAMS,
Commissioner of the Treasury.

[TABLE NO. 1.]

Dr. State of Maine in account with Daniel

Pay Roll of the Council	\$2,597
Pay Roll of the Senate,	5,705
Pay Roll of the House of Representatives,	35,041
Salaries of Public Officers	17,899 68
Printing,	1,053 75
Roll of Accounts, No. 17,	86 25
do. do. No. 18,	25,638 68
Literary Institutions,	400
Miscellaneous Items,	1,161 98
Geological Survey,	5,113 90
Internal Improvement,	2,212 45
State Prison	9,825 62
Public Debt,	35,408 15
Interest on Public Debt,	6,754 39
Militia Pensions,	1,430
Revolutionary Pensions,	3,400
Laws and Law Reports,	1,930
Militia,	3,146 82
Library,	500
Agricultural Societies,	814
Penobscot Indians' Fund	6,139 86
Clerks in Public Offices,	1,909 76
American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb,	1,625
N. E. Institution for the Blind,	920
Postage,	829 74
Insane Hospital,	25,396 48
Costs in Criminal Prosecutions,	15,598 92
Contingent Fund of Gov. and Council	3,108 12
School Fund No. 2,	105 59
School Fund No. 3,	268 21
School Fund No. 4,	35,615 97
County Taxes,	634 84
Survey of Public Lands,	2,885 59
Stationary,	800
Contingent Fund of Treasurer,	1,000
Roads,	1,500
Bills Receivable,	5,066 92
Cash, balance on hand,	45,421 74
	\$308,945 41

[TABLE NO. 1.—Continued.]

Williams, Com'r of the Treasury, Cr.

Cash from last year,	\$24,996 81
Miscellaneous Items,	2,322 28
Insane Hospital	375
County Taxes,	165 75
State Tax of 1835,	300 15
Duty on Commissions,	2,590
Bank Tax, or School Fund No 5,	49,415 26
Bills Receivable,	6,188 84
Interest on Bills Receivable,	602
Land Agency,	11,910 05
Public Debt,	180,976 44
Dividends on Bank Stock,	1,880
State Prison,	5,041 92
Surplus Revenue,	22,180 91
	\$308,945 41

[TABLE No. 2.]

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasury during the year 1837.

Receipts.

Cash, balance from last year,	\$24,996 81
Public Loans,	130,976 44
Land Agency,	11,910 05
Tax on Banks,	49,415 26
Bills Receivable,	6,188 84
Interest on Bills Receivable,	602
Duty on Commissions,	2,590
Dividends on Bank Stock,	1,880
Insane Hospital,	375
Miscellaneous Items,	2,322 28
County Taxes of 1836,	165 75
State Tax of 1835,	300 15
State Prison,	5,041 92
Surplus Revenue,	22,180 91
	\$303,945 41

Disbursements.

Pay Roll of the Council,	\$2,597
Pay Roll of the Senate,	5,705
Pay Roll of the House of Representatives,	35,041
SALARIES,	
Governor,	1,500
Secretary,	900
Treasurer,	895 12
Justices of the S. J. Court,	5,356
Justices of the C. P. Court,	3,590 22
Attorney General,	1,000
Reporter of Decisions,	600
Land Agent,	1,000
Surveyor General's Department,	3,885 59
Superintendance of Public Buildings,	1,999 59
State Prison,	10,825 62
Militia,	20,123 46
Arsenal at Portland,	325
Clerks in Public Offices,	1,909 76
Sheriffs,	259 18
Coroners,	99 94
Bounty on Wolves, Bears, &c	1,332
Printing,	5,560 53
Bank Commissioners,	487 88
Prevention of Small Pox,	121 91

[TABLE No. 2.—*Continued.*]

Disbursements.—(Continued.)

Bounty on Silk	\$3 42
Miscellaneous Items,	2,739 48
Contingent Fund,	206 13
Internal Improvement,	2,232 45
Indices to Journals of House and Senate,	100
Stationery,	1,470 47
Roads,	2,700
Literary Institutions,	400
Geological Survey,	5,113 90
Public Debt,	35,408 15
Interest on Public Debt,	6,754 39
Militia Pensions,	1,430
Revolutionary Pensions,	3,400
Laws and Law Reports,	1,930
Library,	500
Agricultural Societies,	814
Penobscot Indians' Fund and Annuity,	6,139 86
American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb,	1,625
N. E. Institution for the Blind,	920
Postage,	829 74
Insane Hospital,	25,396 48
Costs in Criminal Prosecutions,	15,598 92
School Fund, No. 2,	105 59
“ “ No. 3,	263 21
“ “ No. 4,	35,615 97
County Taxes,	634 84
Contingent Expenses of Treasurer,	1,000
Bills Receivable,	5,066 92
Cash on hand, to balance,	45,421 74
	\$308,945 41

[TABLE No. 3.]

The Receipts of 1838 are estimated as follows :

Cash Balance from last year,	\$45,421 74
Taxes of former years,	503 35
Bills Receivable and Interest,	10,000
Land Agency,	20,000
Bank Tax,	50,600
Dividends on Bank Stock,	1,500
Duty on Commissions,	2,500
Penobscot Indians' Fund,	2,000
Tin Ware Merchants,	200
Admission of Counsellors,	300
Insane Hospital,	15,000
	\$148,025 09

[TABLE No. 4.]

ESTIMATES FOR 1838.—*The ordinary expenses of the Government for the year 1838 are estimated as follows :*

Legislature,	\$40,000
Governor and Council,	4,000
Salaries of Public Officers,	20,000
Clerks in Public Offices,	3,800
Repairs and Furniture of Public Buildings,	2,000
Roads,	3,000
Pensions—Militia,	1,500
Pensions—Revolutionary,	2,400
Indian Annuity,	2,600
Printing, Stationery and Bookbinding,	9,000
Agricultural Societies,	1,000
Asylum for Deaf and Dumb,	2,000
Costs in Criminal Prosecutions,	24,000
Laws and Law Reports,	2,000
Annual School Fund, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5,	49,901 26
State Prison,	8,000
Contingent Fund,	6,000
Rolls of Accounts Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18,	340 92
Relief of the Blind,	1,600
Insane Hospital,	25,000
Postage,	800
Bounty on Animals,	2,000
Internal Improvements,	2,000
Bank Commissioners,	600
Sheriffs and Coroners,	1,000
Militia.—Courts Martial,	700
Staff Officers,	3,000
Altering and repairing Artillery,	900
Artillery and Arsenals,	1,000
Gun Houses,	500
Musical Instruments and transportation, 600	
Rations and Powder,	14,000
	20,700
Surveyor General's Department,	5,000
Contingent Fund of Treasurer,	1,000
Principal and Interest of Public Debt,	80,500
Penobscot Indians' Fund,	6,000
Library,	1,000
Geological Survey,	5,000
Bounty on Wheat,	100,000
	\$433,742 18