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[HOUSE.

COMMUNICATION OF STATE TREASURER.

TREASURY OFFICE, }
Augusta, January 31, 1852. }

HON. GEORGE P. SEWALL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

IN compliance with an order of the House of Representatives, passed the 13th instant, calling upon the Treasurer for certain information, I herewith transmit,

1st.—A statement of the amounts paid annually from the treasury, under the appropriation bills for five years and eight months, commencing May 1, 1846, and ending December 31, 1851, for all purposes other than the State debt, the interest thereon, and payments on account of county roads, under the act repealed in 1849, and the ratio of annual increase.

TABLE A.

2d.—An estimate of the future annual expenditures of the State for five years ending with 1856, exclusive of payments for State debt and interest.

TABLE B.

3d.—A statement of the amounts to be paid annually on account of the public debt, for principal and interest up to and including 1856.

TABLE C.

4th.—A specification of the resources of the State based upon the funds in the treasury and the anticipated receipts from all sources to December 31, 1856.

TABLE D.

5th.—A statement of estimated expenditures for the years 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856, including public debt and interest.

TABLE E.

6th.—A schedule of the securities in the land office, the valuation whereof will be found in the table (D) showing the resources of the State as returned to this office December 31.

TABLE F.

From the tabular statement of the annual expenses of the State, exclusive of payments on account of the public debt and interest for five years and eight months, ending December 31, 1851, the following aggregates appear, viz:—

From May 1, 1846 to May 1, 1847, \$170,067 48.

From May 1, 1847 to May 1, 1848, \$171,656 54—

increase \$1,589 06 or 1 per ct.

From May 1, 1848 to May 1, 1849, \$174,604 45—

increase \$2,947 91 or 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ “

From May 1, 1849 to May 1, 1850, \$186,123 33—

increase \$11,518 88 or 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ “

From May 1, 1850 to May 1, 1851, \$220,166 36—

increase \$34,043 03 or 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ “

From May 1, 1851 to Dec. 31, 1851, \$142,485 80.

Showing in each full year an increase, though in an irregular

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ratio—the excess of 1850 over 1846 being \$50,098 88. An examination of the table (A) will show the causes to which this is to be attributed. It is proper to remark that the increase in the sum paid out for educational purposes in 1850 over former years, was occasioned by the distribution of the interest on the “permanent school fuud” which was first ordered by the Legislature in 1849.

In preparing the estimate of the probable expenditures of the government aside from payments on account of the public debt and interest for the five ensuing years, it has been assumed that the annual sessions of the Legislature will not exceed one hundred days in duration, as no winter session except that of 1841, ever reached that number.

The sum required for the current year is much larger than is estimated for any other of the series, in consequence of the appropriations needed for the completion of the repairs of the Insane Hospital and State Prison and the construction of the edifice for the Reform School and preparation of the grounds, &c.

Additional appropriations for those objects by the present Legislature will probably be wanted as follows, viz:—

For the Reform School,	\$38,000
Insane Hospital,	35,000
State Prison,	3,600

To these sums in the table of estimates (B) is added the balance of the appropriations of the former session for the same purposes which were undrawn by warrant on the first of January, to which dates all the estimates refer and in that for the State Prison is likewise included the further sum of \$5,000 for the ordinary expenses of that institution. The amounts set down as necessary for the completion of the Hospital, viz: \$35,000 in 1852 and \$5,000 in 1853, are believed to be entirely ample to restore that establishment to its original condition, though the Legislature before being called on to provide for this matter will doubtless be put in possession of specific information not in possession of the treasurer.

The sum assigned to the Reform School will be required to fill

the estimates of the commissioners having that work in charge. This institution it is presumed will be in operation in 1853, and the estimated annual expense of maintaining the same is fixed at \$10,000, though for want of particular information on this subject it is proper to state that it may vary much from the estimate.

The amounts hereafter to be paid for educational purposes are increased in the estimate to correspond with the enlargement of the banking capital of the State, from which results an increase of the annual school fund.

The estimate of expenditures for most other purposes have been based upon the appropriations of former years for similar objects, subject of course to be very much changed by the action of the Legislature.

That contingencies not now foreseen will arise calling for appropriations, the history of the past forbids the doubt, but being unknown it would be idle to offer any conjecture as to the extent of such demands.

The aggregate of payments to be provided for on account of the public debt, principal and interest, up to and including the year 1856, will be \$642,224, being the whole of the funded debt of the State except \$50,000 redeemable in 1860.

The foregoing sum of \$642,224 added to the other estimated expenses for the same period makes a total of \$1,767,824 for which provision is to be made, and to meet which, the present and prospective resources of the State as exhibited by table (D,) and predicated upon the assessment of an annual State tax of \$200,000, are estimated at \$1,773,472 70.

From the foregoing, it would appear, if the estimates shall prove tolerably accurate, that there will be no necessity for increasing the present State tax, though it may in the course of the five years become necessary to make occasional temporary loans to meet particular exigencies in anticipation of the receipts of the treasury.

With regard to the cash value of the securities in the land office, that has been fixed at the lowest point in the table of resources, to wit, \$175,000. The notes in that office with the exception of

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certain demands against N. H. Dillingham and others amounting to upwards of \$16,000 heretofore conditionally cancelled by the Legislature, will be subject to very small deductions, say not exceeding three per cent. at the outside. The bonds and demands in hands of attorneys are most of them of an old date and generally poor, many of them against insolvent parties, and others subject to legal or equitable defenses—what per cent. of these may be collected is very uncertain.

Among the resources are enumerated the anticipated receipts from sales of grass and timber on the lots reserved for public uses in unincorporated townships. These sums, in process of time, the treasury will be called upon to refund as the several townships become settled and organized, but it must from the nature of things, be required at considerable intervals, and in small sums, as the growth of our interior is very slow. Whatever, therefore, is derived from this source, may be properly employed for the present necessities of the State, subject to the liability to refund.

What further receipts may be anticipated from the land office during the period mentioned in the Order of the house, beyond the collections of the notes and bonds now held by that department, I have not sufficient information on the subject to state.

SAM'L CONY, *Treasurer.*

A.

AMOUNTS annually paid from the Treasury office under the appropriation bills, for five years and eight months, commencing with May 1, 1846, and closing with December 31, 1851, for all purposes other than the State debt, the interest thereon, and county roads, under the act repealed in 1849, and the ratio of annual increase of payments.

Years.	Legislature inc. Council.	Salaries.	State Prison.	Education.	Costs in Criminal Prosecutions	Insane Hospital.
1846,	40,206 60	25,862 02	4,375 50	26,602 19	18,691 71	12,863 00
1847,	39,056 00	26,596 24	4,749 00	29,494 92	13,598 96	14,602 00
1848,	42,882 00	28,541 52	6,802 00	28,004 28	14,929 86	10,533 00
1849,	45,129 00	28,505 78	8,356 25	29,492 45	23,578 66	1,519 50
1850,	53,900 00	29,138 12	6,277 00	36,144 03	26,887 00	692 00
1851,	13,025 50	15,256 08	9,173 25	26,903 02	10,369 70	15,243 00

Years.	Indians.	Rolls of Accounts.	Printing, Stationery, Binding and Stitching.	Militia Pensions, and Military Purposes.	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.	Agricultural Societies.
1846,	6,340 44	6,791 05	4,230 25	3,629 14	3,785 00	1,956 23
1847,	6,213 35	6,170 65	4,003 00	8,351 35	3,060 00	1,722 72
1848,	6,126 08	12,232 08	3,500 00	1,939 50	4,000 00	2,563 42
1849,	5,907 13	13,044 39	2,501 50	2,413 00	9,750 09	2,292 90
1850,	5,932 55	15,238 64	4,500 00	2,092 33	5,126 95	2,219 31
1851,	5,754 27	8,373 29	1,000 00	922 50	2,340 00	1,892 06

Years.	Contingent fund Gov. and Council.	Roads.	Miscellaneous.	Reform School.	Survey of Eu. & N.A. Railway Route.	Total.	Increase.
1846,	3,286 91	2,000 00	9,438 44	-	-	170,067 48	-
1847,	3,465 77	1,500 00	7,163 23	-	-	171,656 54	1 pr cent.
1848,	3,793 31	1,500 00	7,326 49	-	-	174,694 45	1½ " "
1849,	1,568 93	1,800 00	10,353 84	-	-	186,123 33	6½ " "
1850,	6,163 22	6,750 00	11,195 21	3,000 00	5,000 60	229,166 36	15½ " "
1851,	2,034 72	-	7,918 50	22,000 00	2,280 00	142,485 80	-

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B.

AN ESTIMATE of the future Annual Expenditures of the State for the five years ending with 1846, based upon a calculation for the five past years, for all purposes requiring the payment of money, excepting the State debt and interest thereon.

Years.	Legislature inc. Council.	Salaries.	State Prison.	Education.	Costs in Criminal Prosecutions	Insane Hospital.
1852,	42,000 00	29,000 00	12,600 00	42,000 00	20,000 00	45,000 00
1853,	42,000 00	29,000 00	6,000 00	42,000 00	20,000 00	5,000 00
1854,	42,000 00	29,000 00	6,000 00	42,000 00	20,000 00	1,000 00
1855,	42,000 00	29,000 00	6,000 00	42,000 00	20,000 00	1,000 00
1856,	42,000 00	29,000 00	6,000 00	42,000 00	20,000 00	1,000 00

Years.	Indians.	Rolls of Accounts.	Printing, Stationery, Binding and Stitching.	Militia Pensions, and Military Purposes.	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.	Agricultural Societies.
1852,	6,000 00	15,000 00	4,000 00	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,500 00
1853,	6,000 00	15,000 00	4,000 00	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,500 00
1854,	6,000 00	15,000 00	4,000 00	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,500 00
1855,	6,000 00	15,000 00	4,000 00	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,500 00
1856,	6,000 00	15,000 00	4,000 00	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,500 00

Years.	Contingent fund Governor and Council.	Roads.	Miscellaneous.	Reform School.	Total.
1852,	5,000 00	4,000 00	15,500 00	43,000 00	293,600 00
1853,	5,000 00	4,000 00	12,500 00	10,000 00	211,000 00
1854,	5,000 00	4,000 00	12,500 00	10,000 00	207,000 00
1855,	5,000 00	4,000 00	12,500 00	10,000 00	207,000 00
1856,	5,000 00	4,000 00	12,500 00	10,000 00	207,000 00

C.

AMOUNT to be paid annually for principal and interest upon the State debt, up to and including 1856.

Amount of debt due in 1852,	\$113,900 00
Interest due in 1852,	34,584 00
Interest due in 1853,	27,750 00
Debt due in 1854,	10,000 00
Interest due in 1854,	27,450 00
Debt due in 1855,	270,000 00
Interest due in 1855,	19,050 00
Debt due in 1856,	132,500 00
Interest due in 1856,	6,990 00
	\$642,224 00

D.

ESTIMATED resources of the State for five years ending with 1856.

Cash on hand January 1, 1852,		\$88,041 93
Balance due on State Tax, 1840,	\$86 16	
	1841, 133 00	
	1842, 241 74	
	1843, 253 68	
	1844, 133 68	
	1845, 243 66	
	1846, 809 05	
	1847, 663 08	
	1848, 1,028 41	
	1849, 1,723 66	
	1850, 12,690 39	
	1851, 192,449 26	
	\$210,455 77	
Estimated losses on same,	2,000 00	208,455 77
Amount due on county taxes 1840 to 1848, inclusive,	27,429 19	
Estimated losses on same,	22,429 19	
		5,000 00
Notes in treasury office,	-	5,325 00
One hundred shares in Augusta bank,	-	8,000 00
From general government,	-	75,000 00
Bank tax to and including 1856,	-	176,150 00
State tax for the years 1852, '3, '4, '5 and '6,	-	1,000,000 00
From sales of timber and grass on public lots,	-	32,500 00
Notes and bonds now in Land Office,	-	175,000 00
		\$1,773,472 70

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E.

ESTIMATE of expenditures for the years 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855 and 1856, including public debt and interest.

1852—General expenses,	\$293,600 00	
Public debt and interest,	148,484 00	\$442,084 00
1853—General expenses,	211,000 00	
Public debt and interest,	27,750 00	238,750 00
1854—General expenses,	207,000 00	
Public debt and interest,	37,450 00	244,450 00
1855—General expenses,	207,000 00	
Public debt and interest,	289,000 00	496,000 00
1856—General expenses,	207,000 00	
Public debt and interest,	139,400 00	346,400 00
		\$1,767,324 00

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 2, 1852.

Laid on the table and 1,000 copies of the communication of the Treasurer, with the tables of expenses and estimates ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ALANSON B. FARWELL, *Clerk pro tem.*