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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1857.

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**PART FIRST.**  
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AUGUSTA:
STEVENS & BLAINE, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.
1857.

REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER OF MAINE,
ON THE
TRANSACTIONS OF THE TREASURY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1856.

Augusta:
FULLER & FULLER, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.
1857.

REPORT.

TREASURY OFFICE, }
Augusta, Dec. 31, 1856. }

*To the President of the Senate, and
Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

In compliance with the law, I have the honor, in the subjoined pages, to transmit a statement of the receipts and disbursements of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1856.

Receipts.

Balance from year 1855, . . .	\$39,130 37
From all other sources, . . .	593,312 04
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	\$632,442 41
<i>Disbursements,</i> . . .	\$486,165 00
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Balance in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1856,	\$146,277 41

A more detailed exhibit of these Receipts and Disbursements is presented in the following tabular statements.

A.

SCHEDULE of *Moneys received into the Treasury in 1856.*

Balance from last year,		\$39,130 37
County taxes on wild lands, received for use of counties,		3,803 04
Duty on commissions,		2,959 00
100 shares in capital stock of Augusta Bank, sold, The par value was \$80. It sold at a premium of		8,000 00 500 00
State bonds, \$180,000 sold,		180,000 00
They were sold at a premium,		3,668 49
State taxes collected, viz: Of year 1847, \$12 88		
1849, 25 75		
1850, 152 76		
1852, 7 16		
1853, 1,155 52		
1854, 7,780 59		
1855, 188,625 80		
1856, 13,624 22		
		211,384 68
Tax or duty on banks,		75,835 77
Note collected,		1,000 00
On leases of Penobscot Indians' islands,		185 50
NOTE.—These leases are now in the hands of the Indian agent, who is understood to have collected several hundred dollars more.		
Profits collected, interest, &c.,		471 26
LAND AGENT.		
1st.—For stumping, &c., on reserved lots in tracts of wild land:		
1856. February 7,	2,000 00	
NOTE.—Of this sum there was appropriated to certain designated tracts, \$1,358 12. The remaining \$641 88 lie in the Treasury unappropriated.		
March 1,	1,939 00	
NOTE.—There was no designation of the tracts, to which this \$1,939 pertains.		
		3,939 00
2d.—For permanent school fund, viz:		
1856. March 7,	329 00	
December 31,	7,000 00	
		7,329 00

A.

Moneys received from Land Agent, (Continued.)

3d.—For general uses of the State, viz :			
1856. January 5,	.	.	\$1,236 30
December 20,	.	.	5,000 00
“ 24,	.	.	3,000 00
“ 31,	.	.	85,000 00
			94,236 30
			\$632,442 41

B.

SCHEDULE of *Moneys paid from the Treasury in 1856.*

Militia pensions,		\$1,992 09
Costs incurred in criminal prosecutions,		21,189 08
Rolls of accounts, allowed by the legislature,		21,819 28
Clerk hire,		5,913 18
Codifying the laws,		3,500 00
Reports of judicial decisions,		1,500 00
Salaries of State officers,		28,553 29
Northeastern Boundary of the State,		5,499 85
Coupons, or interest warrants,		37,940 00
Pay rolls of council,		3,149 25
Pay roll of senate,		8,810 00
Pay roll of house of representatives,		35,558 00
Maine State Seminary,		5,000 00
Funded debt or State bonds, paid,		138,000 00
Postage,		1,397 35
Teachers' conventions,		2,009 01
Schools at Fort Kent,		200 00
Stationery,		2,000 00
Library,		300 00
Contingent Fund of Treasury,		1,000 00
Electoral college,		248 00
Contingent fund of secretary,		200 00
Preparing indexes,		150 00
<i>Insane Hospital:</i>		
Supporting insane paupers,	\$4,500 00	
Altering and repairing cottage edifice,	2,000 00	
Procuring engine, &c.,	1,000 00	
Relaying aqueduct,	2,000 00	
Services of trustees,	504 00	
		10,004 00
<i>Stumpage and Grass:</i>		
From reserved lots in unincorporated tracts,		1,655 41
<i>Reform School:</i>		
For its general uses,	25,000 00	
Legislative committee to visit,	120 00	
Interest on Sanford's bequest,	42 00	
		25,162 00
School funds,		77,575 06
<i>Indians—Penobscot:</i>		
Penobscot Indian fund,	5,250 00	
Bounty on agricultural products,	600 00	
Education,	350 00	
Purchase of seed and planting,	300 00	
Gratuities,	185 00	
		6,685 00

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Schedule of Moneys paid, &c., (Continued.)

<i>Indians—Passamaquoddy :</i>		
Passamaquoddy Indian fund,	\$2,150 00	\$8,835 00
Deaf and Dumb,		4,140 00
Blind,		732 68
<i>County Taxes :</i>		
Received by the State in trust and now repaid, .		3,392 49
<i>Miscellaneous :</i>		
Paid under acts and resolves,		3,789 40
<i>State House :</i>		
Fuel and lights,	1,828 94	
Night watch,	274 00	
Porter, &c.,	116 67	
Furniture and repairs,	2,500 00	
		4,719 61
<i>Agricultural :</i>		
Secretary of Board of Agriculture,	600 00	
Agricultural executive committee,	988 00	
County societies,	4,241 72	
		5,829 72
Military,		2,396 00
Printing, binding, &c.,		1,264 37
<i>State Prison :</i>		
Inspectors and examiners,	325 88	
Committees,	90 00	
Subordinate officers,	4,325 00	
Purchase of engine,	1,000 00	
Payment of debts,	5,000 00	
		10,740 88
Balance on hand,		146,277 41
		\$632,442 41

As to the amount of expenditures of a coming year, the *conjectural* estimates of this department have seldom been deemed of much value. Such estimates can hardly be adopted with safety, as the basis of legislative appropriations. The Legislature will doubtless prefer to rely more upon the *actual* disbursements of preceding years. These are easily to be found in the treasurer's annual reports, to which a reference is very respectfully made.

Of the unappropriated portion of the School Fund of 1856.

To avoid inconvenient fractions in apportioning the fund, and especially that a residue might be left for complying with certain resolves of the Legislature, and to leave room for the correction of palpable mistakes in returning the number of scholars, there was left undistributed the sum of \$609.26, viz :

The whole fund was	\$80,128 70
The number of scholars was 240,968, at 33 cts. each,	79,519 44
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Balance,	609 26
Of that balance, there has since been distributed,	181 67
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	\$427 59

Leaving the sum of \$427.59, which may properly be added to the school fund of 1857.

Of Bills Receivable.

At the commencement of 1856, there were promissory notes lying in the treasury, the principal of which amounted to \$12,328.29. The debtors reside in the extreme eastern part of the State. Some of the notes were transferred to Maine by Massachusetts, when that Commonwealth sold its lands lying in Maine, to this State. But the most of them were given for the timber sold by the Land Agent of Maine from lands belonging to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Under the order of the Governor and Council, these notes have been lodged in the hands of Hon. James Madigan, counselor at law, for collection.

There is one small note yet in the treasury, on which the principal now due is, \$10.00.

Of the Trust Funds.

1. The permanent School Fund.

This has been derived from the sale of certain tracts of land, set apart by the Legislature for the use of public schools. It now amounts to \$136,346.54.

The interest of this fund, at six per cent., is to be distributed annually, (in connection with amounts derived from the duty on banks,) among the cities, towns, and plantations, according to the number of their respective scholars. The duty on banks, together with said interest on the "permanent school fund," makes up the annual school funds.

2. The amount received in 1856 for the duty on banks, is \$75,835.77. This will constitute a part of the annual school fund to be distributed in 1857.

3. Moneys received into the treasury for stumpage and grass, sold from the "reserved lots" in unincorporated townships. These moneys were at first collected by the county commissioners. That arrangement was altered, and the collections were confided to an agent appointed for each of the counties in which such townships were located. Subsequently the business of making such collections and of depositing the avails in the State Treasury, was transferred to the Land Agent, whose duty it is, when making the deposits, to specify the amount pertaining to the respective townships.

The Treasurer of the State is to keep an account with each of such tracts, crediting to it the amount so received. The whole amount in the treasury credited to such tracts is \$103,151.00.

Whenever the dwellers in any of such tracts shall have organized themselves into a plantation for election purposes, and shall have established therein one or more school districts, such plantation is entitled to receive from the treasury the interest on the amount there standing to its credit.

Under this provision the sums paid in 1856 to such plantations amount to \$1,655.41.

4. Penobscot Indians' Fund.

This has arisen from the sale of lands made to the State by that tribe. It now amounts, with its interest, after deducting payments made to them, to the sum of \$53,060.31.

5. Passamaquoddy Indians' Fund.

This has arisen from timber and grass sold from lands owned by that tribe. It now amounts, with its interest, after deducting payments made by them, to the sum of \$21,700.00.

6. There is in the treasury \$1,300, bequeathed by Isaac Sanford. The will requires the interest on \$600, to be annually appropriated for the benefit of persons, who are deaf and dumb or blind, and on \$700 to the Reform School. The interest on this latter sum has been called for and paid.

7. County Taxes.

The law provides that the taxes assessed by counties on wild lands for "common and ordinary county expenses," shall be paid into the State Treasury, to be reimbursed to the counties, after the close of each year.

The county taxes received in 1856 amount to \$3,803.04. This sum has now become payable, and is due to the counties in the following proportions, viz:

Aroostook,	\$1,037 18
Franklin,	159 16
Hancock, ,	371 41
Oxford,	105 27
Penobscot,	283 25
Piscataquis,	467 52
Somerset,	321 84
Washington,	1,057 41

Funded Debt of the State, December 31, 1856, viz :

Bonds due from the State, payable in different years, as follows:

In 1857,	\$30,000
1858,	30,000
1859,	30,000
1860,	51,000
1861,	30,000
1862,	30,000

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In 1863,	\$50,000
1864,	50,000
1865,	37,000
1866,	37,000
1867,	37,000
1868,	37,000
1869,	37,000
1870,	.	.	.	.	.	33,000
1871,	.	.	.	.	.	40,000
1872,	.	.	.	.	.	40,000
1873,	.	.	.	.	.	50,000
1874,	.	.	.	.	.	50,000
						\$699,000

The sum of \$30,000, being the first item mentioned in the foregoing schedule, and being a portion of the loan negotiated under the resolve of January 16, 1855, will become payable on March 1, 1857.

Of the Annual School Funds.

There yet remain unpaid, and due to towns and plantations, the following portions of the school funds, viz :

Of the year 1854,	.	.	.	.	\$ 110 89
“ “ 1855,	.	.	.	.	1,193 50
“ “ 1856,	.	.	.	.	24,485 34

Of the Rolls of Accounts.

There yet remain unpaid some small sums allowed in the annual rolls of accounts, viz :

Of the year 1854,	.	.	.	.	\$ 77 00
“ “ 1855,	.	.	.	.	62 75
“ “ 1856,	.	.	.	.	410 90

Of the surplus avails arising from the sales of forfeited lands.

In the annual auction sales, by the treasurer, of lands forfeited for the non-payment of taxes, the law requires that no bid shall be received, unless of sufficient amount to discharge all overdue taxes on the tract, and that, if a still larger amount

is bid, the surplus shall be subject to the order of the former proprietor. On some of the sold tracts, such a surplus was received, viz: in 1854, \$611.29, and in 1855, \$77.00, amounting to \$688.29, which sum is still in the treasury, uncalled for.

For an adequate effectiveness in the collection of State and county taxes, it is believed some amendments in the existing laws are needful.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC REED, *Treasurer.*