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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF MAINE,

ON THE

TRANSACTIONS OF THE TREASURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

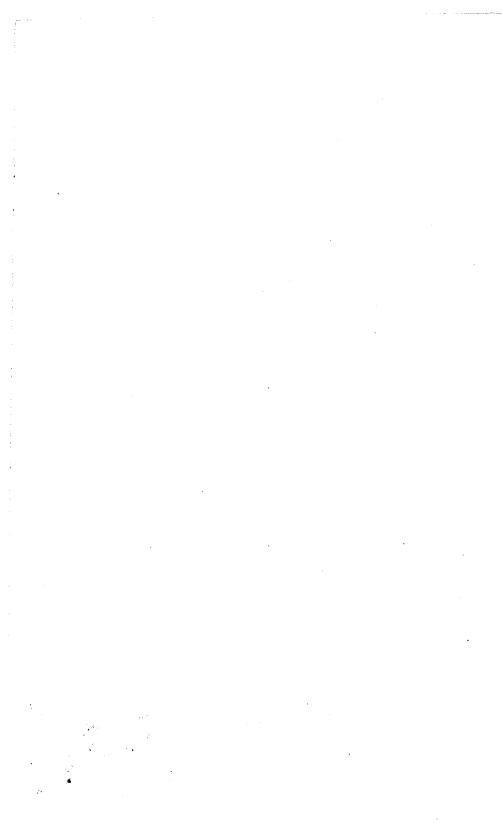
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REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Augusta, Jan. 1, 1858.

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

The law requires that the Treasurer of State shall lay before the two branches of the Legislature, a detailed statement of the transactions of this department for each fiscal year. I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1857.

Balance of cash in the treasury, January 1, 1857, Amount of receipts from January 1, 1857, to Decem-	\$146,277 4	-1
ber 31, 1857, inclusive,	358,847 4	9
	\$505,124 9	00
Amount of expenditures from January 1, 1857, to		
December 31, 1857, inclusive,	\$456,701 6	i0
Balance in the treasury, December 31, 1857, .	48,423 3	0
	\$505,124 9	-00

DR. STATE OF MAINE, in account with BENJAMIN D. PECK, Treasurer.

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To	North Eastern Boundary, .	•	• 1	\$2,495	70
"	Insane State paupers,			13,378 '	71
"	codifying laws,		•	2,166	23
، ،	contingent fund of governor and cour	ncil,		5,277 ()8
"	costs in criminal prosecutions,	. ′	.	35,879 (
"	pay roll of council, .		.	3,822	
"	pay roll of senate,			9,045	
"	pay roll of house of representatives,		.	36,280	50
"	agricultural societies,			7,143	
"	bank commissioners,		.	2,395	
	binding and stitching,		.	1,000	
	judicial reports,	•	.	3,000	
"	clerks in public offices, .			9,009	
"	roll of accounts-No. 32 to 36,			372	
"	state prison,			9,000	
"	subordinate officers of state prison,	•		6,200	
"	postage,	•		1,504	
"	printing,	•		12,485	
"		esol	ves.	4,469	
"	Passamaquoddy Indians, .			2,913	
"	Penobscot Indians,	•		7,081	
" "	cash,			$48,\!423$	
	lands reserved for public uses,		. {	1,236	
"			.)	200	
"'	public debt,		.	30,000	00
٤	fuel and lights,		.	1,671	
"	military purposes,		.	3,300	00
"	county taxes,	•	•	3,803	04
"	trustees insane hospital,		. {	800	
46	coupons,		.	38,660	00
"	redemption of lands forfeited,			· 97	
-44	contingent fund of secretary,		•	200	00
"	expenses of superintendent of commo	on s	chools,	899	90
\$6	agricultural productions to Penobsco	ot Ir	ndians,	942	75
"	furniture and repairs, .			2,242	32
	porter and messenger, .			125	
	reform school,		.]	20,000	00
	commissioner at Washington,		.	1,161	
	deaf, dumb and blind,	• .		4,416	66
	roll of accounts-No. 37,		•	34,212	
"				25,093	
"			.	2,000	
"				260	
÷ (publishing revised statutes, .	•		4,200	
	• 0	-	- 1	.,	-

Dr.	State	$\mathbf{0F}$	Maine,	in	account	with	Benjamin	D.	Реск,
			Trea	sur	er, (Con	ntinueo	<i>l</i> .)	•	

meteorological observations,	•	•		\$225 00
				650 00
	•			$1,346\ 80$
	,	•		350 00
Ellsworth bank,				625 00
	•			5,000 00
	•	•		1,910 20
				1,500 00
gun house at Brewer,				100 00
				3,990 99
	•	•	.*	36,351 43
		•		300 00
				53,167 78
	۱,			200 00
		•		200 00
		•	•	$340 \ 04$
				\$505,124.90
	repairs on Portland arsenal, board of agriculture, Penobscot Indians for schools Ellsworth bank, Insane Hospital, militia pensions, Indian annuities, gun house at Brewer, teachers' conventions, salaries of public officers, library, school fund—No. 24, schools in Hancock plantation indexes,	Penobscot Indians for schools, Ellsworth bank, Insane Hospital, militia pensions, Indian annuities, gun house at Brewer, teachers' conventions, salaries of public officers, . library, school fund—No. 24, . schools in Hancock plantation,	repairs on Portland arsenal, board of agriculture,	repairs on Portland arsenal,

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				1	F reasurer				

By	balance Jan	uary 1, 1857,	•	•	•	\$146,277	41
"	County Tax	kes, Hancock C	ounty,	•			40
"	۲.،	Washington				773	69
44	٤٢	Oxford	"			69	12
" (۲,	Somerset	"			115	
"	"	Penobscot	"			307	
"'	"	Piscataquis	"			337	
"	44	Franklin	"			108	
"	66	Aroostook	"			1,064	
"	"	Kennebec,	٤٢			10	
"	State Tax,						$\overline{52}$
" ("	1847,		•		14	
"	"	1851, .				16	
"	"	1853, .				25	
"	"	1854,				1	27
"	٤٢	1855,				1,640	
"	"	1856,		•		184,743	
"	"	1857,	•	•	•	6,661	
6 (duties paval	ole on commissio	ns.	•		2,255	
"	land agent,					34,721	
"	miscellaneo	is items.				112	
	Penobscot I			•		5	
"		ed for public us	es.		÷	11,859	~ ~
"	permanent s		-~-,			7,670	
"	State bonds					30,000	
"	premium on	State bonds,				763	40
"	bank tax—I	No. 24.				37,198	
	bank tax]					37,336	
	interest,					511	
		of lands forfeited	ł.		•	150	
	furniture a		•	•	,	70	
						#505 194	00

\$505,124 90

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Estimated Receipts for the year 1858.

Cash on hand	January	1, 18	58,	•	•	\$48,423 30
Balance due o			<i>.</i>		•	197,632 06
Bank tax,	•	•			•	72,000 00
Land Office,	•			•		50,000 00
Duty on comm	nissions,	•		•		2,000 00
						·
						\$370,055 36

Estimated Expenditures for the year 1858.

Public debt,		•	•	•	\$30,000	
Interest on public debt, .		•		.	42,000	00
School fund No. 25,		•	•	.	74,000	
Interest on permanent sch	hool fu	nd,	•		8,180	79
Costs in criminal prosecu	tions,	•	•	.	30,000	
Reform School, .			٠	.	25,745	00
Salaries of public officers	ι,		•	.	32,000	00
Balance due on school fu	nds,			.	31,139	00
Balance due on rolls of a	account	s,	•	.	440	
Insane State paupers, .	,	•		.]	12,000	00
Deaf, dumb and blind, .		•	•		5,500	
State Agricultural Socie	ty,		•		1,000	
County agricultural socie	eties,	•	•		5,000	00
Board of Agriculture, .			•	.	1,700	
Contingent fund of Gove	rnor ar	nd Counc	eil,	•	5,000	
County taxes, .	•	•	•	•	3,200	
Reports of judicial decisi	ons,	•	•	.	1,500	60
Passamaquoddy Indians,			•	•	2,150	
Penobscot Indians, .		•	•	•	2,789	
Indian annuities, (Pene	obscot]	Indians,))	•	1,500	
Militia pensions,			•	•	2,500	
Postage, .		•	•••	•	1,500	00
Bounty on animals,		•			1,200	
Sheriffs and Coroners,	•	•	•	.	800	00
Binding and stitching,	•	•			3,000	
Printers' accounts,				.	15,000	00
Fuel and lights,	•	•		.	2,000	00
Furniture and repairs,		•	•	.	2,000	00
Teachers' conventions,	•		•	•	2,000	
Bank Commissioners,	•	• '		.	1,200	
Military purposes,	•	•	•	• [3,681	00

Estimated Expenditures for the year 1858, (Continued.)

Interest on lands reserved for public use	s,	. 1	1,500	00
Subordinate officers of State Prison,		. 1	8,000	00
Contingent fund of Treasurer, .		.	500	
Contingent fund of Secretary, .		.	200	00
Trustees Insane Hospital,		.	600	00
Inspectors and Committee to visit State	Prison,		400	00
Porter and Messenger,	•	.	100	00
Preparing indexes,		.	150	00
Lands forfeited,		.]	300	00
Bounty on agricultural productions to	Penobs	cot		
Indians,		.	400	00
Expenses of Superintendent of common	schools,	.	600	00
Interest on Sanford legacy, .	•		42	00
Clerks in public offices, .		.	5,500	00
Pay roll of Council,	•	.	4,000	00
Pay roll of Senate,			6,300	00
Pay roll of House of Representatives,		.]	25,200	00
Commissioner at Washington, .		.	2,000	00
State Prison deficiency for 1857,		.	2,000	00
Warrants drawn and unpaid,			25,436	03
· · · ·		{	······	
			\$432,952	82
Preparing indexes, Lands forfeited, Bounty on agricultural productions to Indians, Expenses of Superintendent of common Interest on Sanford legacy, . Clerks in public offices, Pay roll of Council, Pay roll of Senate, Pay roll of Senate, Pay roll of House of Representatives, Commissioner at Washington, . State Prison deficiency for 1857,		.	$150 \\ 300 \\ 400 \\ 600 \\ 42 \\ 5,500 \\ 4,000 \\ 6,300 \\ 25,200 \\ 2,000 \\ 2,000 \\ 25,436 \\$	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Resources of the State.

Cash in the Treasury January 1, 1858, Balance due on State taxes to 1857, inclusive, .	\$48,423 30 197,632 06
SECURITIES IN LAND OFFICE. Bills receivable, \$158,406 10 Bonds,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
roles receivable in iteasury once,	\$444,418 99

Liabilities of the State of Maine, January 1, 1858.

	PUBLIC	FUNDED	DEBT.	į		
Due	in 1856,	•	•		\$500 0	
"	1000,	•			30,000 0	
"	1859,		•		30,000 0	0
"	T COO ²	•			51,000 0	0
"	1001,				30,000 0	
"	1862,		•	•.	30,000 0	0
"				.	50,000 0	
"			•		50,000 0	
. "	1865,				37,000 0	
"	1866,	•			37,000 0	0
"	1867,	•		.	37,000 0	
"	1868,				37,000 0	
"	1869,				37,000 0	
"	1870,				33,000 0	0
"		•	•		40,000 0	
"		•			40,000 0	
"			•		50,000 0	0
"			•		50,000 0	0
"					30,000 0	0
	2010,	-				- \$699,

\$699,500 00

Liabilities of the State of Maine, &c., (Continued.)

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TRUST FUNDS.					
Permanent school fund, .	•	•\$144,016			
Lands reserved for public uses,	•	115,010			
Penobscot Indian fund, .		45,983	51		
Passamaquoddy Indians,		20,388	71		
Isaac Sanford's bequest, .		1,300	00		
1,				\$326,699	97
Warrants drawn and unpaid,		\$25,436	03	Ψ····)···	
Interest due and uncalled for,		660			
Balance due on school funds,	•	34,005			
Balance due on rolls of account	• a	439			
Bank tax No. 25, .	ь,	37,336			
Dank tax 10. 20,	•	01,000	40	#07 077	e 5
				\$97,877	00
AMOUNT DUE ON COUNTY TAXI	zs.	8001	4.0		
To county of Hancock, .	•	\$301			
" Washington,	•	773			
• " Kennebec,	•	1	12		
" Oxford, .	•	-	12		
" Somerset, .	•	115	08		
" Penobscot,		307	86		
" Piscataquis,		337	55		
" Franklin, .		108	36		Ŧ
" Aroostook,		1,064			
	•			\$3,087	22
			_	Ψ0,001	
				\$1,127,164	84
				Ψ1,101	=====
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Salaries, .	•	•		.	\$7,782	21
North eastern boundary	7,		•	.	*2,495	
Codifying laws, .	•				2,166	
Contingent fund Gover	nor and	Council,		.	1,007	
Costs in criminal prosec	cutions,	• '		.	10,502	
Pay roll of Council,	•				´ 597	
Agricultural societies,		•		.	1,750	00
Bank Commissioners,				.	1,195	
Binding and stitching,	,			.	´ 500	
Clerks,		•			1,109	
Subordinate officers of	State P.	rison.			1,500	
Inspectors of State Pri	son.	. '		.	200	
Fuel and lights, .	•			.		22
Porter and Messenger,				.	25	
Postage, .				.	458	20
Printing, .					2,485	
Militia pensions,					1,047	
Miscellaneous items,					1,145	
Passamaquoddy Indians	s.				162	
Penobscot Indians,	·,				1,738	
Town of Baileyville,		-			200	
Expenses of Superinter	ndent of	common	schools.	.	402	
Deaf, dumb and blind,				.	630	
Teachers' conventions,					1,990	
Maine reports, .					1,500	
Roll of accounts,					372	
School funds,	•	•	•		25,093	
/				- -		
					\$68,077	25

Amount paid for claims due prior to January 1, 1857.

The estimated receipts for the coming year may be set down, including cash on hand, at \$370,055.36, and the expenditures will reach \$432,952.82.

This estimate shows a deficiency of \$62,897.46, which the Legislature will be called upon to provide for. To provide for this deficit is a question of considerable moment at this time, and it will require the careful and deliberate consideration of the Legislature. The credit of this State is such, that could it be done constitutionally, there would be no difficulty in meeting this deficiency by a loan. This, however, cannot be done, as our debt now reaches the constitutional limit; and no further indebtedness can be incurred,

either directly or indirectly. The provision of the Constitution limiting the state debt to \$300,000, additional to what was then owed, was undoubtedly deemed a wise precaution, when it was incorporated into that instrument, and I do not at this time suggest any change in this regard. Very cogent reasons should be offered before any such alterations as this I am now considering should be made in our constitution.

Three hundred thousand dollars was, at the time of this alteration, deemed a pretty wide margin upon which to predicate loans from time to time, to meet the ordinary expenses of the government; and had no extraordinary loan been effected, it would have been amply sufficient for many years to come.

In 1856, this state purchased the lands belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, lying within the limits of Maine; and by this transaction \$250,000 of this allowable loan was absorbed, leaving only \$50,000 for any contingency that might hereafter arise. In 1856 a loan for \$50,000 was effected for the ordinary purposes of the government, and thus the whole amount for which the State can loan its credit, is absorbed, the constitutional limit reached, and no further loan can be made for the ordinary expenditures of the State.

It is competent for the Legislature to make such disposition of the Public Lands as they may deem wise. But as at present advised, I think of no mode of raising any additional money from this source, which will not result in an ultimate loss to the State.

By a rigid economy in the public expenditures, and retrenchment in some directions, something could be saved to meet this deficiency. But to what extent retrenchment and reform is practicable is a question for the Legislature to determine. Essential curtailments could be made in some of the appropriations should the Legislature deem it wise to make them.

The costs of criminal prosecutions may be devolved upon the several counties, and thus \$30,000 may be saved to the State Treasury.

The estimated expense of the State Reform School sent to this office by the Trustees of that institution for the coming year is \$25,-745 00. Whether any deduction in the expenditures of this school can be made is a proper subject for investigation. That this insti-

tution is needed as a reformatory instrumentality; and that it is doing much good in this behalf, will not be doubted by any persons who have observed its influence upon many vicious boys. If, however, the cost of carrying on this institution can be reduced, it should be done. The financial resources of the State are such, that retrenchment is imperatively demanded, wherever in can be made in consistency with the public weal, and with safety to the administration of justice.

In the event that the Legislature does not deem it best to devolve the costs of criminal prosecutions upon the counties, and that no reduction can be made in the expenditures of the Reform School, I would suggest the propriety of dividing but fifty per cent. of the Bank tax to the common schools, as a measure of relief to the treasury.

This deficiency might be met by an increase of the State tax, but there are very weighty objections against any such increase at this time. Upon the present valuation the burden would bear heavily upon some towns, and the financial depression in all business departments would seem to forbid the imposing of a larger direct tax at this time.

I can, therefore, suggest no feasible or practicable method of meeting this difficulty, except by the most rigid economy in all of the public expenditures, and retrenchment wherever it can be made.

There are now in this office certain promissory notes, the principal of which amounts to \$12,113 23. These debtors reside in the eastern part of the State. Some of these notes were transferred to Maine by Massachusetts, but the most of them were given for timber sold by the Land Agent of Maine from lands belonging to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

My immediate predecessor under order of the Governor and Council of 1856, lodged these notes in the hands of Hon. James C. Madigan, for collection. I was directed, by order of the Governor and Council of 1857, to request Mr. Madigan to return said notes to this department. I have fulfilled that duty, and have to say that Mr. Madigan has returned them to this office.

The sum of \$30,000, being a part of the funded debt of the State, will fall due in Boston, March 1st, 1858. This can be paid by a

renewal. But it is necessary to remark here, that \$10,000 of the new scrip which may be issued must go according to law, to meet another demand which will be made on the Treasury.

In 1855, an institution known as the Maine State Seminary, was incorporated by the Legislature. In the 3d section of the act establishing this school, it is provided that the trustees, after complying with certain conditions therein specified, may notify the Governor and Council to that effect, and that they, (the Governor and Council) "shall direct the treasurer of state to issue to the said trustees the scrip of the State, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, redeemable in twenty years, bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, which scrip shall be placed to the credit of the trustees in the books of the treasurer, and also deposited in the treasurer's office, in trust for the said trustees."

The probability is, that the trustees will soon make their request upon the Governor and Council. There is now no way to meet this demand except by making it a part of the new loan.

It is provided by resolve chapter 46, approved March 30th, 1857, that upon surrender of a certain note for \$500, belonging to the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital, the treasurer of state be authorized to make a note in behalf of the State to said trustees for the sum payable at the pleasure of the State, with interest, payable semi-annually; and also to pay interest from the time when said old note became due to date of surrender. In chapter 47 it is also provided, by resolve approved March 30th, 1857, that whenever the trustees of the Insane Hospital shall pay into the treasury of state fifteen hundred dollars, part of the bequest to them by the late John Black, Esq., for the use of the Library of the Hospital, the treasurer of state be and is hereby authorized to receive said sum and to give his note in behalf of the State therefor, to said trustees payable at the pleasure of the State, with interest semi-annually.

I would suggest as the more convenient mode of carrying out the intent of these resolves, that they be so amended that the trea rer of state be authorized to issue the scrip of the State, with coupons attached, as is provided by law, in the case of the Maine State $L_{\rm c}$ m-inary. Should this be done it will amount—including the donation to the Seminary—to \$12,000, and may be made a part of the contemplated loan of \$30,000.

Thirty thousand dollars of the State debt fell due in 1857, and was paid. By a resolve approved April 14th, 1857, the treasurer was authorized to make a new loan for the same amount, which was done and scrip was issued bearing date July 1st, 1857, payable in 1875; which sold for a premium of \$763,40.

The Hancock Bank has gone into the hands of receivers, and among the assets in this office there is a deposit in said Bank of $$142 \ 02$.

The usual State tax of \$200,000 will be indispensable the coming year.

The Land Agent has paid into this department the current year, the sum of \$54,251 89, as follows:

January 9,	•				3,964 70
January 29,			•		2,049 50
February 12,					1,811 25
April 9,		•			2,000 00
August 6,	•				1,410 00
August 21,		•	•		5,000 00
August 24,		•			590 00
October 31,				•	. 440 00
November 11,					1,200 00
November 17,				•	4,000 00
December 21,		•			1,630 57
December 26,					4,500 00 -
December 31,			•	•	11,901 61
December 31,	•			•	6,083 90
December 31,				•	7,670 36
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\$54,251 89

BENJ. D. PECK, Treasurer.

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