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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF MAINE,

ON THE

STATE OF THE TREASURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1860.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Augusta, December 31, 1860. }

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

In compliance with chapter 2, section 41 of the Revised Statutes, I herewith lay before the two houses of the Legislature, a detailed account of the transactions of the Treasury department, for the year ending December 31, 1860.

Receipts of the Treasury in January, 1860,	-		\$69,800 95
“ “ February, “	-		104,470 57
“ “ March, “	-		58,435 62
“ “ April, “	-		90,534 06
“ “ May, “	-		10,228 95
“ “ June, “	-		5,189 88
“ “ July, “	-		9,242 16
“ “ August, “	-		9,367 61
“ “ September, “	-		22,765 99
“ “ October, “	-		44,198 70
“ “ November, “	-		6,642 39
“ “ December, “	-		21,399 42
			\$452,276 30
Total amount of receipts for the year 1860,	-		
Balance of cash in the Treasury, January 1, 1860,			
including deficiency of B. D. Peck,	-		114,060 13
			\$566,336 43
Expenditures of the Treasury, including charge to de-			
ficiency account of B. D. Peck, in January, 1860,			\$118,594 07
Expenditures of the Treasury, February, “			63,956 23
“ “ March, “			105,955 24
“ “ April, “			68,060 98
“ “ May, “			5,198 74
“ “ June, “			40,707 61
“ “ July, “			17,569 35
“ “ August, “			15,352 52
“ “ September, “			7,393 80
“ “ October, “			50,004 60
“ “ November, “			11,431 05
“ “ December, “			25,372 25
			\$529,596 44
Total amount of expenditures for the year 1860,			
Leaving a balance in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1860, of			36,739 99
			\$566,336 43

DR. STATE OF MAINE, *in account with* NATHAN DANE, *Treasurer.*

To amount paid roll of accounts Nos. 32 to 39,	\$127 25
“ roll of accounts No. 1, -	14,745 73
“ commissioners on state prison, -	913 31
“ subordinate officers of state prison, -	5,307 68
“ state prison, - - -	2,000 00
“ committee to visit state prison, -	90 00
“ reform school, - - -	13,000 00
“ committee to visit reform school, -	100 00
“ insane state paupers, - - -	14,657 34
“ trustees insane hospital, - -	377 00
“ interest on Sanford legacy, - -	42 00
“ deaf, dumb and blind, - - -	6,000 00
“ Penobscot Indians, - - -	4,845 00
“ Penobscot Indians, (deficiency for 1859,) - - -	1,975 02
“ Penobscot Indians, for agricultural bounties, - - -	400 00
“ Penobscot Indians, for educational purposes, - - -	250 00
“ Passamaquoddy Indians, - - -	1,350 00
“ Passamaquoddy Indians, for seed and manure, - - -	400 00
“ Passamaquoddy Indians, for agricul- tural bounties, - - -	375 00
“ Passamaquoddy Indians, for church and schools, - - -	750 00
“ state agricultural society, - -	3,700 00
“ county agricultural societies, -	4,697 56
“ board of agriculture, - - -	1,554 99
“ meteorological observations, - -	75 00
“ Maine Wesleyan Seminary, - -	5,000 00
“ East Maine Conference Seminary, -	500 00
“ Presque Isle Academy, - - -	200 00
“ Normal Schools, - - -	1,500 00
“ expenses of superintendent of com- mon schools, - - -	477 39
“ library, - - -	300 00
“ military pensions, - - -	1,988 50
“ military purposes, - - -	2,815 00
“ gun house at Milo, - - -	400 00
“ gun house at Kittery, - - -	200 00
“ printing, - - -	8,500 00
“ binding and stitching, - - -	500 00
“ stationery, - - -	2,500 00
“ furniture and repairs of public build- ings, - - -	3,000 00
“ fuel and lights, - - -	1,700 00
“ state road in Aroostook, - -	1,500 00

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DR. STATE OF MAINE, *in account with* NATHAN DANE, (*Continued.*)

To amount paid road from Kingsbery mills to Blanchard mills,	\$500 00
“ bridge from Princeton to Indian township, - - -	400 00
“ East Fish river road, - - -	600 00
“ roads in Franklin county, - - -	500 00
“ bridges in township No. 4, R. 4, Aroostook, - - -	500 00
“ bridges across Aroostook river, - - -	3,000 00
“ miscellaneous items, - - -	1,491 59
“ George M. Weston, - - -	1,000 00
“ bank commissioners, - - -	1,200 00
“ pay roll of council, - - -	3,624 00
“ pay roll of senate, - - -	7,186 00
“ pay roll of house of representatives, - - -	27,578 00
“ index to journals of senate and house of representatives, - - -	250 00
“ salaries, - - -	35,831 85
“ clerks in public offices, - - -	7,136 50
“ valuation commissioners, - - -	4,093 00
“ forfeited lands, - - -	452 47
“ interest on lands reserved for public uses, - - -	1,299 38
“ deficiency account of B. D. Peck, - - -	95,323 42
“ reports of judicial decisions, - - -	1,800 00
“ county taxes, - - -	4,303 01
“ notes receivable, - - -	30,000 00
“ miscellaneous accounts, - - -	1,500 00
“ costs in criminal prosecutions, - - -	40 35
“ porter and messenger, - - -	100 00
“ indexes, - - -	150 00
“ contingent fund of secretary, - - -	500 00
“ contingent fund of treasurer, 1859, - - -	250 00
“ contingent fund of treasurer, 1860, - - -	500 00
“ postage, - - -	1,642 06
“ contingent fund of governor and council, - - -	6,023 76
“ public debt, - - -	50,500 00
“ interest, - - -	40,925 00
“ school funds Nos. 17 to 26, - - -	62,135 23
“ school fund No. 27, - - -	28,322 05
“ bank tax No. 27, - - -	125 00
“ cash, - - -	36,739 99
	\$566,336 43

CR. STATE OF MAINE, *in account with* NATHAN DANE, *Treasurer.*

By amount received State of Maine, - -	\$114,060 13
“ State tax, 1851, - -	5 79
“ “ 1855, - -	147 70
“ “ 1856, - -	360 38
“ “ 1857, - -	4,281 32
“ “ 1858, - -	13,667 04
“ “ 1859, - -	183,147 30
“ “ 1860, - -	20,122 65
“ County taxes, Hancock county,	385 74
“ “ Washington “	1,079 10
“ “ Kennebec “	35 15
“ “ Oxford “	122 24
“ “ Somerset “	534 72
“ “ Penobscot “	482 37
“ “ Piscataquis “	458 98
“ “ Franklin “	157 80
“ “ Aroostook “	1,354 23
“ redemption of land sold for taxes,	410 12
“ lands reserved for public uses,	305 00
“ land agent, - -	26,082 03
“ deficiency account of B. D. Peck,	48,000 00
“ duty on commissions, -	1,820 00
“ State bonds, - -	51,000 00
“ premium on State bonds, -	3,466 05
“ Penobscot Indians, - -	1,070 00
“ costs in criminal prosecutions,	3 00
“ notes receivable, - -	4,160 00
“ public administrators, -	553 51
“ miscellaneous items, - -	221 58
“ George M. Weston, - -	1,000 00
“ interest, - -	348 44
“ Mexican claim, - -	8,246 62
“ bank tax, No. 27, - -	37,259 42
“ bank tax, No. 28, - -	37,681 70
“ fuel and lights, - -	35 75
“ contingent fund Treasurer, 1860,	275 23
“ school fund, No. 26, - -	2 00
“ permanent school fund, -	3,993 34
	\$566,336 43

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Amount paid for claims due prior to January 1, 1860.

Salaries, - - - - -	\$3,930 44
Roll of accounts, - - - - -	111 25
Military pensions, - - - - -	1,119 00
Commissioners on state prison, - - - - -	400 00
Subordinate officers of state prison, - - - - -	1,450 00
Forfeited lands, - - - - -	86 98
Board of agriculture, - - - - -	183 80
Military purposes, - - - - -	1,265 00
Expenses of superintendent of common schools, - - - - -	82 66
Insane state paupers, - - - - -	3,462 42
Contingent fund of governor and council - - - - -	508 28
Postage, - - - - -	370 29
Interest, - - - - -	810 00
Costs in criminal prosecutions, - - - - -	40 35
School funds, - - - - -	62,135 23
Reform school, - - - - -	3,250 00
Trustees insane hospital, - - - - -	60 00
Agricultural societies, - - - - -	300 00
Meteorological observations, - - - - -	75 00
	\$79,640 70

Estimated Receipts for the year 1861.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1861, - - - - -	\$36,739 99
Balance due on State taxes, - - - - -	195,600 11
Bank tax, - - - - -	74,000 00
Land office, - - - - -	30,000 00
Notes receivable, - - - - -	10,000 00
County taxes, - - - - -	4,500 00
Duty on commissions, - - - - -	1,000 00
	\$351,940 10

Estimated Expenditures for the year 1861.

Public debt, - - - - -		\$30,500 00
Interest on public debt, - - - - -		40,640 00
Balance due on school funds, No's 8 to 27, -		62,915 90
School fund, No. 28, - - - - -		30,000 00
Normal schools, - - - - -	\$3,600 00	
East Maine Conference Seminary, - - - - -	500 00	
Westbrook Seminary, - - - - -	200 00	
Expenses of superintendent of common schools, - - - - -	400 00	
		4,700 00
Salaries of public officers, - - - - -		31,500 00
Clerks in public offices, - - - - -		6,500 00
Insane state paupers, - - - - -		15,000 00
Reform school, - - - - -		13,000 00
Subordinate officers of state prison, - - - - -	4,000 00	
Trustees insane hospital, - - - - -	500 00	
		4,500 00
Pay roll of council, - - - - -	4,000 00	
Pay roll of senate, - - - - -	7,500 00	
Pay roll of House of representatives, - - - - -	28,000 00	
		39,500 00
State agricultural society, - - - - -	1,000 00	
County agricultural societies, - - - - -	4,600 00	
Board of agriculture, - - - - -	3,300 00	
		8,900 00
Deaf, dumb and blind, - - - - -		7,500 00
County taxes, collected in 1860, - - - - -		4,560 00
Printing, and advertising laws, - - - - -		15,000 00
Binding and stitching, - - - - -		3,000 00
Penobscot Indians, (interest on fund,) - - - - -		3,035 00
Penobscot Indians, (annuities,) - - - - -		1,500 00
Penobscot Indians, deficiency agricultural bounties, 1859, - - - - -		643 82
Passamaquoddy Indians, - - - - -		1,350 00
Military purposes, - - - - -		1,000 00
Military pensions, - - - - -		2,500 00
Contingent fund of governor and council, - - - - -		5,000 00
Reports of judicial decisions, - - - - -		3,000 00
Furniture and repairs on public buildings, - - - - -		2,000 00
Fuel and lights, - - - - -		2,000 00
Bank commissioners, - - - - -		1,200 00
Postage, - - - - -		1,500 00
Stationery, - - - - -		3,000 00
Lands reserved for public uses, - - - - -		1,000 00
Interest on lands reserved for public uses, - - - - -		1,500 00
Bounty on animals, - - - - -		1,000 00
Contingent fund of treasurer, - - - - -		500 00
Contingent fund of secretary, - - - - -		300 00

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Estimated Expenditures, &c., (Continued.)

Library, - - - - -	\$300 00
Sheriffs and coroners, - - - - -	500 00
Lands forfeited, - - - - -	400 00
Porter and messenger, - - - - -	100 00
Interest on Sanford legacy, - - - - -	42 00
Indexes, - - - - -	150 00
Balance due on rolls of account, - - - - -	500 00
Warrants drawn and unpaid, - - - - -	13,190 32
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	\$364,927 04

Resources of the State.

Cash in the Treasury January 1, 1861, -	\$36,739 99
Balance due on State Taxes to 1860, inclusive,	195,600 11
Notes receivable in Treasury office, - -	32,623 66
SECURITIES IN THE LAND OFFICE.	
Bills receivable, - - - - - \$90,848 00	
Bonds, - - - - - 18,056 86	
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	108,904 86
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	\$373,868 62

Liabilities of the State of Maine, January 1, 1861.

PUBLIC DEBT.	
Due and uncalled for, - - -	\$500 00
Due in 1861, March 1, - - -	30,000 00
“ 1862, - - - - -	30,000 00
“ 1863, - - - - -	50,000 00
“ 1864, - - - - -	50,000 00
“ 1865, - - - - -	37,000 00
“ 1866, - - - - -	37,000 00
“ 1867, - - - - -	37,000 00
“ 1868, - - - - -	37,000 00
“ 1869, - - - - -	37,000 00
“ 1870, - - - - -	33,000 00
“ 1871, - - - - -	40,000 00
“ 1872, - - - - -	40,000 00
“ 1873, - - - - -	54,000 00
“ 1874, - - - - -	50,000 00
“ 1875, - - - - -	30,000 00
“ 1876, - - - - -	60,000 00
“ 1877, - - - - -	51,000 00
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	\$699,500 00

Liabilities of the State of Maine, January 1, 1861, (Continued.)

TRUST FUNDS.			
Permanent school fund, -	154,760 36		
Lands reserved for public uses,	114,803 56		
Penobscot Indian fund, -	51,693 44		
Passamaquoddy Indian fund, -	20,388 71		
Sanford legacy, - -	1,300 00		
		\$342,946 07	
Warrants drawn and unpaid, -	13,190 32		
Interest due and uncalled for, -	1,200 00		
Balance due on school funds, -	62,915 90		
Balance due on rolls of account,	682 85		
Bank tax No. 28, - -	37,681 70		
		115,670 77	
AMOUNT DUE ON COUNTY TAXES.			
To county of Hancock, -	385 74		
" Washington, -	1,079 10		
" Kennebec, -	35 15		
" Oxford, -	122 24		
" Somerset, -	534 72		
" Penobscot, -	482 37		
" Piscataquis, -	458 98		
" Franklin, -	157 80		
" Aroostook, -	1,354 23		
		4,610 33	
		\$1,162,727 17	

THE DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT OF THE LATE TREASURER, B. D. PECK.

The balance of cash in the Treasury, December 31, 1859, appeared to be \$114,060 13, by the books in the Treasurer's office.

On reference to the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, and the report of William Caldwell accompanying the same, it will be seen that Mr. Peck should have been further charged with \$9,371 77, and also further credited with \$3,576 52; so that the said balance in the Treasury Dec. 31, 1859, should have been \$119,855 38, less the amount of \$49 05 for the error subsequently discovered by the Investigating Committee, as per their report.

The amount of funds actually in the Treasury, was \$25,782 34, which consisted of cash in the office and bank deposits. This sum has been credited in the foregoing account.

Thus the amount with which Mr. Peck was chargeable, in a deficiency account opened on the books in this office, was \$95,323 42. This deficiency has been reduced, the past year, as follows:

\$1,400	further allowed him by the committee for advances,
8,500	paid into the Treasury by the Hon. Neal Dow,
1,100	“ “ “ “ Mechanic's Bank,
7,000	“ “ “ “ sureties on his bond for year 1859.

\$18,000

There has also been deposited in this office, by the commissioners appointed to settle with the sureties on Mr. Peck's official bonds, six notes of Walter Brown and Samuel F. Hersey, of \$5,000 each, all dated April 23, 1860, and payable to myself as Treasurer, or successors in office. Two of these notes fall due Sept. 1, 1861, and two on Sept. 1, 1862, and the remaining two on Sept. 1, 1863.

The commissioners also deposited with these notes mortgages of real estate to secure them.

These notes, and the said \$7,000 in cash, were taken by said commissioners, in settlement with the sureties on Mr. Peck's bond for the year 1859.

The deficiency account with Mr. Peck consequently exhibits a balance against him, after deducting \$581 41 not exacted from sureties of 1859, as appears by report of commissioners, of \$46,742 01, irrespective of the matter of interest.

It will be remembered that no settlement has been concluded upon the claims mentioned in the report of the Investigating Committee of \$1,675 against I. Wyman, \$3,000 against Neal Dow, and

\$2,832 39 against Walter Brown,—and also, with the sureties upon Mr. Peck's official bond for the year 1858—consequently, the final result cannot now be determined.

DOUBTFUL ASSETS.

Among the assets transferred to me January 19, 1860, there was a deposit in the Hancock Bank of \$142.02, and another in the Ellsworth Bank of \$56.25, and another in the Atlantic Bank, Portland, of \$500, being the balance due on bank tax of previous years, and considered of doubtful value. I have endeavored to collect them, but as yet have not been able to do so.

THE MEXICAN CLAIM.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress of February 9, 1859, authorizing the accounting officers of the Treasury to settle the claims of the State of Maine for expenses incurred in organizing a regiment of infantry under the call from the War Department of May 19, 1846, there was received from the Treasurer of the United States the sum of \$10,308.28, from which there is deducted twenty per cent. (\$2,061.66) paid our agent, per order of Council of October 13, 1860, and the balance (\$8,246.62) is credited in the foregoing account to Mexican claim.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

That portion (\$51,000) of the public debt which matured February 1, 1860, was renewed under a resolve of the Legislature approved January 20, 1860. In response to the advertisement inviting proposals, there were twenty-two different bids, amounting in the aggregate to \$228,500. The loan was awarded to parties who paid a premium of \$3,466.05, being within a fraction of $6\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

According to the estimate of receipts and expenditures which I have submitted, it will be seen that the Treasury will not be in a condition to meet the \$30,000 of the public debt which matures March 1, 1861, unless some special provision is made.

The bank tax and interest on the permanent school fund, amounting to about \$82,000, is by law distributed among the several cities, towns and plantations in the State, for the support of primary schools.

Former treasurers have repeatedly suggested the propriety of repealing this law, as a means of relieving the Treasury; but as

no change in the policy of the State has been made in its appropriation of the bank tax since the year 1833, it is reasonable to infer that none such is contemplated. I would, nevertheless, suggest the propriety of so amending this law, as that the treasurers of the several cities and towns, when notified of the apportionment, should receive from the collectors the amount of school fund, and the treasurer's receipt to the collector be received at this office toward the sum the collectors are required to pay as their proportion of the State tax.

An increase of the usual State tax during the year, would not provide the means to meet the debt of \$30,000 maturing in March next, as the tax would not be available in season. I would recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to renew the \$30,000 coming due in March.

I would further suggest an assessment of a State tax for the year 1861 of \$260,000, that we may be in a condition to pay so much of the debt (\$30,000) as matures in the year 1862, and provide for the necessary expenditures of government.

The estimated receipts based upon a tax of \$207,000, together with the receipts from the Land Office, are not considered sufficient to defray the ordinary expenses of government, the payment of the interest upon the public debt, and the various funds of which the State is trustee.

The public debt, at the close of the year 1835, was \$55,000, and at the close of the year 1842 it was \$1,725,362 67.

From 1835 to 1840, no State tax was assessed. The government was sustained by borrowing money, with the exception of a portion of the unpaid tax of 1835, and the receipts from the Land Office, in all, \$93,600 00.

The ordinary expenses of the government, including the interest on the public debt, and the bounty paid on wheat and corn, (\$231,500 86) amounted, during these years, to about one million of dollars. If we add to this the expenses incurred upon the North Eastern Boundary, we have the data for the origin of the public debt, \$1,725,362 67, above stated.

This debt of \$1,725,362 67 was reduced from time to time, by money received from the United States government, and the Land Office, until in 1853 it was \$461,500. Then it was increased in the sum of \$250,000 by the purchase of the interest which Massachusetts had in the lands owned by her jointly with Maine; so that the

debt then amounted to \$711,500, and has since been reduced, so that the public debt at this time is \$699,500.

It seems to me that it should be the settled policy of the State not to have a large surplus of funds in the Treasury, and yet to have sufficient to respond to the current expenditures, and also to pay our public debts as it becomes due, without resort to loans, after the present year.

MAINE STATE SEMINARY FUND.

This fund, held by the State in trust for the trustees, consists of ten thousand dollars in scrip of the State of Maine, and is now deposited in this office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The estimated expenditures for the coming year, amounting to the sum of \$364,927, are based upon existing laws.

Appropriations for the Deaf, Dumb, Blind, Insane Hospital, State Prison, Reform School, Normal Schools and Agricultural Societies, can now be reckoned with almost absolute accuracy, so long as no alterations are made in the existing laws in relation to the same.

Humane, reformatory, and other institutions having the protection of the State, ought to be economically managed, (but not neglected,) and this as the surest means to secure the advantages and blessings designed by their originators.

The estimated expenses for the current year, made by those having charge of these institutions, do not vary materially from those of last year.

Appropriations for various objects being entirely under the control of the Legislature, I have refrained from including under the head of *miscellaneous*, any sums whatever; therefore should additional appropriations be made by the Legislature, they should not forget that ways and means should be provided for their payment.

There has been received into the Treasury at various times during years preceding, from sales of timber and grass on the lots reserved for public uses in unincorporated townships, \$114,803.56, which sum the Treasury is liable to be called upon to refund, as the several townships become incorporated or organized.

From the present rapid settlement of the counties in which these townships are situated, it is reasonable to anticipate that the call upon the Treasury from this source will be increased.

The receipts from the Land Office during the past year amounted to the sum of \$30,380.37, viz: On general account, \$26,082.03; on permanent school fund, \$3,993.34; and on lands reserved for public uses, \$305.00. The sums were received as follows:

January 23,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,500 00
February 1,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,401 39
" 3,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
August 24,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,382 84
" 30,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
" 31,	1,503 77
September 4,	7,221 47
" 15,	5,000 00
" 22,	5,000 00
December 21,	3,993 34
" 28,	317 56
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							\$30,380 37

NATHAN DANE, *Treasurer.*