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REVENUE AND EXPENSES—1841.

DECEMBER 17, 1840.

Read, and laid over one day, under the rule.

Mr. BARNARD submitted the following

RESOLUTION :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury do make to this House a report to the following effect, viz :

1. A statement showing the aggregate revenue which accrued to the Government, from customs, from lands, and under the head of what is usually denominated "miscellaneous," in the years 1837, 1838, 1839, and 1840, estimating for the last quarter of the latter year; and showing, also, the aggregate expenditures during the same years, estimating for the last quarter of 1840; excluding all payments on account of the redemption of Treasury notes, and, also, all payments on account of trust funds, except so far as such funds have failed to produce the full amounts of interest or annuity actually paid on account of them: the statement to show the general balance between such revenue and expenditures for the whole period.

2. A statement showing the sources from which money has been derived to the Treasury, within the four years above mentioned, other than the sources above named, and the amount from each source, with the aggregate; estimating for amounts received or receivable in the last quarter of 1840. This statement to include the sum actually reserved in the Treasury after setting apart the original amount for deposit with the States under the deposit act of 1836; the amount of the fourth instalment of deposit money, under that act, which was finally retained in the Treasury; the amount of trust or indemnity funds, if any, received and not invested; the amount of Treasury notes which will be outstanding on the 1st of January, 1841, with the interest accrued on them; the amount received on old duty bonds, the payments of which had been postponed; the amount received on bonds for the sale of the stock of the United States in the late Bank of the United States; and the amount received from various banks which suspended in 1837. This statement to show, also, how much, if any, of these moneys remain, or will remain, in the Treasury on the 1st day of January, 1841.

3. A statement, as far as the same is known or can be readily ascertained, showing in what cases, if any, and to what extent and pecuniary amount, public works have been or will be carried on, or services rendered in behalf of the Government, under appropriations of the present year or of past years, during the year 1840, (except under the Post Office Department,) in regard to which any special agreement or understanding whatever exists, that the payment therefor should not be called for, and should not be made, in the year 1840, or until after the 4th day of March, 1841.

4. A statement showing what will be the probable amount out of the new and permanent appropriations, as exhibited in the estimates of the Secretary of the 7th of December instant, for the year 1841, which will remain unexpended or uncalled for at the close of the year 1841.

5. A statement showing the amounts which will be required to purchase stock, or make investments, for or in behalf of Indians or Indian tribes, pursuant to any treaty or other stipulation; and, also, the amounts, or principal sums, required to be paid to Indians or Indian tribes by any treaty or other stipulation, other than such as may have been estimated for by the Secretary in his report of the 7th of December instant.

6. A statement showing, more particularly than appears from his report of the 7th December instant, how much the expenses of 1841 will fall below those of 1840, on account of each of the following particulars, namely: because "the pensions have diminished by death;" because "fewer Indians remain to be removed;" because "several expensive public buildings have been mostly finished;" and because "hostilities with the Seminoles must be nearer to a close."

7. A statement showing the amount of claims now pending in the departments, growing out of the Florida war, our relations with Indians, or otherwise; whether such claims have been considered and passed upon, or not; with the probable or proximate amount, in the aggregate, of such claims which will become a charge upon the Treasury, as nearly as the Secretary is able to ascertain or to judge thereof; with the means he has, or can readily command.