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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN

Compliance with a resolution of the Senate concerning the Public Lands, &c.

APRIL 23, 1832.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

WASHINGTON, April 23d, 1832.

To the Senate:

I transmit, herewith, a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, containing the information called for by the resolution of the 26th of March last, in which the President is requested to communicate to the Senate,

1st. The total amount of public lands belonging to the United States which remain unsold, whether the Indian title thereon has been extinguished or not, as far as that amount can be ascertained from surveys actually made, or by estimates, and distinguishing the States and Territories respectively in which it is situated, and the quantity in each.

2d. The amount on which the Indian title has been extinguished, and the sums paid for the extinction thereof, and the amount on which the Indian title remains to be extinguished.

3d. The amount which has been granted by Congress, from time to time, in the several States and Territories, distinguishing between them, and stating the purposes for which the grants were respectively made; and the amount of lands granted, or money paid, in satisfaction of Virginia land claims.

4th. The amount which has been heretofore sold by the United States, distinguishing between the States and Territories in which it is situated.

5th. The amount which has been paid to France, Spain, and Georgia, for the public lands acquired of them respectively; including the amount which has been paid to purchasers from Georgia to quiet, or in satisfaction of their claims; and the amount paid to the Indians to relinquish their title within the limits of Georgia.

6th. The total expense of administering the public domain since the declaration of independence, including all charges for surveying, for land offices, and other disbursements, and exhibiting the nett amount which has been realized in the Treasury from that source.

ANDREW JACKSON.
The President having referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, a resolution of the Senate of the 26th of March last, in the following terms:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause the following information to be communicated to the Senate:

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The Secretary has the honor to submit the accompanying statements from the Register of the Treasury and Commissioner of the General Land Office, marked A and B, containing the information required.

LOUIS M'LANE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To the President of the United States.

A.

STATMENTS of payments, by the United States to France, Spain, and the State of Georgia, for the public lands; also, to the several Indian tribes, including the amount paid for extinguishing the Indian title to lands within the limits of Georgia; the total expense of administering the public domain since the declaration of independence, and showing the nett amount realized in the Treasury from that source; stated in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate of the 26th March, 1832.

Payment to France, on account of purchase of Louisiana—

| Principal | $14,984,872 28 |
| Interest  | 8,529,353 43   |
| Total     | 23,514,225 71  |
to Spain, on account of Florida—
Principal       -       4,985,599 82
Interest        -       1,265,416 67

6,251,016 49

to Georgia—to the State Treasury 1,065,484 06

to the holders of
Yazoo scrip 1,830,808 04

2,896,292 10

to the Indian tribes, (on all accounts, and including (A) $702,874 54 paid for extinguishing the Indian title to lands within the limits of Georgia, with exception of a portion of the sum stated below,) viz.

Payments prior to the 4th, March, 1789 113,966 31
Do. under the present Government 11,852,182 56

11,966,148 87

to surveyors, commissioners, and others, officers employed in the management and sale of the public domain, viz.

Payments prior to the present Government 18,117 90
Do. under the present Government 3,563,834 54

3,581,952 44

Nett amount of money received at the Treasury from the sale of public lands, to the 30th September, 1831 (B) $37,273,713 31

(A) Of this sum, $249,850 48 were paid to the Creek nation, under the treaty of 12th of February, 1825, for lands in Georgia and Alabama.

(B) There was also paid, in public securities, under the Confederate Government, $738,965 82.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, 13th April, 1832.
T. L. SMITH, Register.

B.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, April 20, 1832.

Sir: In relation to the information sought for by such of the resolutions of the Senate of the United States, bearing date the 26th ultimo, as you have referred to this office, I herewith transmit the accompanying tables, marked A and B.

The special sales of public lands which took place prior to the opening of the land offices, and which do not appear on the books of this office, are exhibited in the accompanying table, marked C., obtained from the office of the Register of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, sir,
With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
ELIJAH HAYWARD.

HON. LOUIS McLANE, Secretary of the Treasury.
### STATEMENT rendered in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate, of March 26, 1832.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>State or Territory</th>
<th>Estimated amount of lands to which the Indian title has not been extinguished</th>
<th>Amount of lands sold and in the process of sale</th>
<th>Appropriated for internal improvements, education, or charitable institutions.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>5,242,221</td>
<td>(7) 344,613</td>
<td>992,937 (5) 92,800 678,576 (1) 43,525</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indiana</td>
<td>12,999,068</td>
<td>3,681,040</td>
<td>384,728 48,080 977,457</td>
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<td>Illinois</td>
<td>28,237,898</td>
<td>6,539,230</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 1,086,639</td>
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<td>Missouri</td>
<td>34,547,153</td>
<td>7,270,745</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 685,884</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>21,211,465</td>
<td>4,696,284</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 873,973</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alabama</td>
<td>20,167,735</td>
<td>4,335,471</td>
<td>400,000 40,000 722,190 (3) 23,040 1,620</td>
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<tr>
<td>Louisiana</td>
<td>25,193,234</td>
<td>3,344,753</td>
<td>400,000 40,000 877,454 (4) 23,040 1,120</td>
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<tr>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>17,883,681</td>
<td>82,905,536</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 543,393</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>31,912,381</td>
<td>32,900,000</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 950,258</td>
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<tr>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>30,194,070</td>
<td>5,166,400</td>
<td>480,000 40,000 777,454 (4) 23,040 1,120</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Aggregate</strong></td>
<td><strong>227,293,884</strong></td>
<td><strong>113,577,859</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,187,663 508,000 7,952,638 59,605 21,589 298,288 11,057,682</strong></td>
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(1) Appropriated for religious purposes, in the purchase made by John C. Symmes and the Ohio Company.
(2) Including lands appropriated for schools in "Clarke's grant."
(3) For the benefit of the Connecticut Deaf and Dumb Asylum.
(4) For the benefit of the Kentucky Deaf and Dumb Asylum.
(5) Including Salt Spring reservations, which are authorized to be sold by the State, and the proceeds applied to literary purposes.
(6) General Land Office, 20th April, 1832.
(7) Of this quantity, the Indian title to 198,397 acres, was extinguished by treaties, ratified 6th April, 1832.
(8) Of this quantity, the title of the Creek Indians has since been extinguished to 6,140,160 acres, by treaty, ratified 4th April, 1832.
Statement of the amount of lands granted, or moneys paid, in satisfaction of Virginia Land Claims.

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<tr>
<th>Lands between the Little Miami and Sciota rivers, in Ohio, set apart to satisfy Virginia military land warrants of the continental line, estimated at</th>
<th>Acres</th>
<th>Value of the scrip at the minimum price of $1.25 per acre.</th>
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<td>Amount of land warrants converted into scrip, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 30th May, 1830, viz.</td>
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<td>Virginia Continental line</td>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>62,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>State line</td>
<td>260,000</td>
<td>332,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aggregate</td>
<td>4,019,484</td>
<td>385,000</td>
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*Of this quantity, there have been patented, to the 1st April, 1832, 3,213,486 acres.*

General Land Office,

20th April, 1832.

Elijah Hayward.
C.

A STATEMENT exhibiting special sales of Public Lands prior to the organization of the Land Office.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Where and to whom sold</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Purchase money</th>
<th>Deposits forfeited</th>
<th>Total proceeds</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tr>
<td>1787</td>
<td>New York</td>
<td>72,974</td>
<td>87,325 59</td>
<td>29,782 65</td>
<td>117,108 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>1792</td>
<td>John Cleves Symmes</td>
<td>272,540</td>
<td>189,683 00</td>
<td></td>
<td>189,683 00</td>
<td>Paid in army land warrants.</td>
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<td>1792</td>
<td>Ohio Company</td>
<td>892,900</td>
<td>642,856 66</td>
<td></td>
<td>642,856 66</td>
<td>Paid in certificates of public debt and army land warrants.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1796</td>
<td>Pittsburg</td>
<td>43,448</td>
<td>99,901 59</td>
<td>525 94</td>
<td>100,427 53</td>
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1,484,047 1,171,417 09 30,308 59 1,201,725 68

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, April 20, 1832.

T. L. SMITH, Register.