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MESSAGE

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:

“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.

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“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.”

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.

STATEMENTS 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
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		23,514,225 71

to Spain, on account of Florida—			
Principal	-	4,985,599	82
Interest	-	1,265,416	67
		<hr/>	6,251,016 49
to Georgia—to the State Treasury		1,065,484	06
to the holders of			
Yazoo scrip		1,830,808	04
		<hr/>	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
		<hr/>	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
		<hr/>	3,581,952 44
		<hr/>	<u>\$48,209,635 61</u>

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.

State or Territory.	Estimated amount of acres unsold, of lands to which the Indian & foreign titles have been extinguished.	Estimated amount of acres to which the Indian title has not been extinguished.	Aggregate of the two foregoing items, being the estimated amount of public lands remaining unsold, and Indian lands the title to which was not acquired up to 31 Dec ^r , 1831.	The amount of lands sold at the land offices, up 31 Dec ^r , 1831, after deducting lands relinquished & lands reverted to the U. States.	Appropriated for internal improvements, education, or charitable institutions.				Lands appropriated for seats of government.	Saline reservations.	Aggregate of appropriations for each State and Territory.
					No. of acres for internal improve ^{ts} .	No. of acres for colleges, academies, & universities.	The 1-36th part public lands appropriated for com. schools.	For religious & charitable institutions.			
Ohio,	5,242,221	(7) 344,613	5,586,834	7,564,549	922,937	(5) 92,800	678,576	(1) 43,525	-	-	1,737,838
Indiana,	12,699,096	3,681,040	16,380,136	5,817,038	384,728	46,080	(2) 556,184	-	2,560	23,040	1,012,592
Illinois,	28,237,859	3,153,110	31,395,969	2,178,012	480,000	46,080	977,457	-	2,560	206,128	1,712,225
Missouri,	34,547,152	3,744,000	38,291,152	1,955,572	-	46,080	1,086,639	-	2,449	46,080	1,181,248
Mississippi,	21,211,465	6,529,290	27,740,745	1,596,288	-	46,080	685,884	-	1,280	-	733,244
Alabama,	20,167,725	(8) 7,760,890	27,928,615	4,335,471	400,000	46,560	722,190	(3) 23,040	1,620	23,040	1,216,450
Louisiana,	25,198,234	-	25,198,234	344,753	-	46,080	873,973	-	-	-	920,053
Michigan,	17,883,681	82,905,536	100,789,217	948,289	-	46,080	543,893	-	10,000	-	599,973
Arkansas,	31,912,381	288,000	32,200,381	78,000	-	46,080	950,258	-	-	-	996,338
Florida,	30,194,070	5,166,400	35,360,470	424,618	-	46,080	877,484	(4) 23,040	1,120	-	947,724
Aggregate,	(6) 227,293,884	113,577,869	340,871,753	25,242,590	2,187,665	508,000	7,952,538	89,605	21,589	298,288	11,057,685

- (1) Section No. 29, appropriated for religious purposes, in the purchases made by John C. Symmes and the Ohio Company;
- (2) Including lands appropriated for schools in "Clark'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) This aggregate of unsold lands is to the 31st December, 1831.
- (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.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, 20th April, 1832.

ELIJAH HAYWARD.

B.

STATEMENT of the amount of Lands granted, or moneys paid, in satisfaction of Virginia Land Claims.

	Acres.	Value of the scrip at the minimum price of \$1 25 per acre.
Lands between the Little Miami and Sciota rivers, in Ohio, set apart to satisfy Virginia military land warrants of the continental line, estimated at - - - - -	*3,708,484	.
Amount of land warrants converted into scrip, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 30th May, 1830, viz.		
Virginia Continental line - - - - -	50,000	62,500
State line - - - - -	260,000	322,500
Aggregate - - - - -	4,019,484	385,000

* 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.

Year.	Where and to whom sold.	SALES OF PUBLIC LANDS.		Deposites forfeited.	Total proceeds.	Remarks.
		Quantity.	Purchase money.			
		Acres.	Dollars.			
1787	New York - -	72,974	87,325 59	29,782 65	117,108 24	
1792	To the State of Pennsylvania	202,187	151,640 25	-	151,640 25	Paid in certificates of public debt.
1792	John Cleves Symmes - -	272,540	189,693 00	-	189,693 00	Paid in army land warrants.
1792	Ohio Company - -	892,900	642,856 66	-	642,856 66	Paid in certificates of public debt
1796	Pittsburg - -	43,448	99,901 59	525 94	100,427 53	[and army land warrants.
		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.