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PUBLIC EXPENDITURES—1835 to 1838.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*The information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th January, 1839, in relation to payments made at the Treasury for the years 1835 to 1838, inclusive.*

DECEMBER 30, 1839.

Referred to the Committee on Public Expenditures.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 19, 1839.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the accompanying statement, prepared in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th January, 1839, "directing the Secretary of the Treasury to communicate to this House a supplement to the tabular statement transmitted by him on the 4th January, 1836, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 31st December, 1835; exhibiting in such supplement a statement of the sums annually paid under each material head of expenditure, from 1834 to 1839."

With respect, I have the honor to be your obedient servant,  
LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

To the HON. SPEAKER  
*of the House of Representatives.*

Statement exhibiting "the sums annually paid under each material head of expenditure," for the years 1835 to 1838, inclusive, prepared in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th of January, 1839.

Heads of expenditure.	Paid in 1835.	Paid in 1836.	Paid in 1837.	Paid in 1838.
<b>LEGISLATURE.</b>				
Compensation and mileage to Senators	\$109,540 20	\$94,188 80	\$95,527 20	\$175,728 80
Officers of the Senate	12,452 02	12,447 99	14,234 89	18,753 59
Contingent expenses of the Senate	85,550 00	63,868 17	57,702 50	127,823 10
Compensation and mileage to the members of the House of Representatives	292,915 20	518,547 60	474,578 00	561,717 60
Officers of the House	18,880 70	20,019 30	21,581 50	24,020 21
Contingent expenses of the House	199,950 00	200,000 00	225,000 00	373,960 00
Congressional Library	6,500 00	2,500 00	10,574 55	2,571 90
Librarian, assistant, and messenger	2,429 16	3,048 00	4,055 94	4,211 30
Contingent expenses of the library	1,100 00	2,200 00	500 00	500 00
Printing for the Senate, included in the contingent expenses above stated	46,578 06	51,362 67	9,584 91	51,823 04
Printing for the House of Representatives, included in the contingent expenses above stated	61,664 88	68,366 07	74,082 84	84,358 26
<b>EXECUTIVE.</b>				
President and Vice President	29,999 99	30,000 01	30,000 00	25,833 33
Department of State—Salaries	31,634 78	29,003 57	26,129 49	27,640 08
Contingent expenses, printing and advertising laws	25,000 00	27,010 06	16,904 60	27,800 00

Biennial Register	1,650 00	-	-	1,400 77
Contingent expenses northeast building, superintendent and watchmen's salaries	4,850 00	4,850 00	3,875 00	4,850 00
Patent Office—salaries and contingencies— (vide Patent Fund)	1,500 00	2,000 00	-	-
<b>Treasury Department—</b>				
Salaries in the office of the Secretary, and the several offices of the two Comptrollers, five Auditors, Treasurer, Register, General Land Office, and Solicitor	246,201 61	252,269 87	392,760 14	337,013 22
Contingencies in those several offices	45,989 82	54,432 50	59,387 52	52,432 03
Contingent expenses southeast buildings, superintendent and watchmen's salaries	10,378 57	12,100 00	14,800 44	16,229 56
<b>War Department proper—</b>				
Salaries in the office of the Secretary of War and the several bureaus attached to the department	84,328 38	103,277 54	118,478 34	122,111 53
Contingent expenses in those several offices	22,044 33	14,585 00	20,095 00	16,190 00
Contingent expenses, including salaries of superintendent and watchmen of the War and Navy buildings	8,806 33	9,139 68	11,816 36	11,340 12
<b>Navy Department proper—</b>				
Salaries in the offices of the Secretary and the Navy Commissioners	38,229 07	43,020 41	37,238 96	44,913 24
Contingent expenses	4,500 00	4,432 59	3,181 27	8,488 42
<b>General Post Office —</b>				
Salaries in the offices of the Postmaster General, Assistants Postmaster General, and Auditor	91,288 84	131,027 78	157,955 94	136,996 54
Contingent expenses—superintendent and watchmen, and rent and repairs of buildings	9,140 00	10,640 00	31,897 13	23,686 98

## STATEMENT—Continued.

Heads of expenditure.	Paid in 1835.	Paid in 1836.	Paid in 1837.	Paid in 1838.
<b>Government of Territories—</b>				
Michigan	\$29,181 49	\$18,926 80	\$5,165 01	
Wisconsin	-	11,625 55	41,780 71	\$78,976 44
Arkansas	19,455 82	7,736 86	1,676 84	
Iowa	-	-	-	9,725 54
Florida	24,078 20	22,077 95	23,502 79	27,110 94
<b>Judiciary Department—</b>				
Expenses of courts, and salaries of Judges, Attorney General, District Attorneys, and Marshals, &c.	405,069 62	352,433 07	399,708 32	378,873 95
<b>Light-houses—</b>				
Building and repairing light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c.	89,479 42	38,597 13	89,847 53	143,831 49
Support and maintenance of light-houses	235,056 70	283,759 35	271,355 36	301,521 08
<b>District of Columbia—</b>				
Public buildings, including the Commissioner's salary	23,932 23	91,075 25	301,617 56	278,346 00
Public grounds	6,100 00	44,500 00	47,564 00	35,496 36
Other improvements, including the purchase of the Potomac bridge, navigation of the Potomac, maintenance of the penitentiary, and relief of the corporate cities	170,181 01	147,244 62	255,325 48	188,743 31
<b>Miscellaneous—</b>				
Claims unprovided for	8,595 30	4,480 38	8,815 39	10,028 59
Annuities granted under special acts of Congress	1,350 00	1,147 31	1,050 00	1,050 00

Mints, including salaries, machinery, and the purchase of copper and buildings	193,556 00	336,500 00	255,818 62	140,910 00
Relief of individuals on accounts adjusted by the First Auditor	14,503 64	111,066 58	95,563 21	228,759 77
Virginia claims—(payments after 1st July, 1835, are included under "Military Department")	14,891 60			
Unclaimed merchandise	47 29	275 90	52 19	614 32
Surveyors general—salaries	30,035 15	36,109 58	34,599 93	52,171 05
Survey of public lands	99,304 70	79,000 00	147,800 00	125,838 77
Salaries of receivers and registers of the land offices	875 00	1,000 00	750 00	1,091 03
Repayments on account of lands erroneously sold	3,032 73	5,902 98	5,584 63	15,954 09
Ascertaining land titles in Louisiana, Florida, and Mississippi	10,603 80	2,694 75	5,912 97	614 71
Furniture for the President's house	—	—	19,321 73	—
Marine hospital department	86,268 43	89,867 37	<del>103,035</del> 75	113,229 59
Duties refunded	4,778 04	58 55	197 24	905 63
Preparing Treasury notes	—	—	—	11,438 56
Survey of the coast	—	39,194 84	97,900 00	88,770 80
Building custom-houses	363,639 44	376,959 39	174,600 00	264,225 00
Secretary to sign patents for public lands	1,500 00	1,756 80	376 53	2,354 17
Roads, canals, &c., in the western and south-western States, (out of the 5 per cent. and the 3 per cent. funds,)	50,098 58	963,993 94	460,542 00	26,894 96
Selecting, printing, and distributing public documents, Diplomatic Correspondence, Register of Debates, Mr. Madison's papers, &c.	30,000 00	24,599 29	100,277 99	35,000 00
Printing documents relating to public lands	20,000 00	8,351 03	—	—
Revolutionary claims adjusted by the First Auditor	49,615 03	—	101 66	—

## STATEMENT—Continued.

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Heads of expenditure.	Paid in 1835.	Paid in 1836.	Paid in 1837.	Paid in 1838.
<b>Miscellaneous continued—</b>				
Additional compensation to collectors, naval officers, surveyors, and others - -	\$80,200 96	\$77,919 06	\$23,525 39	\$190,354 08
Patent fund, per act of 4th July, 1836—				
Salaries - - - - -	-	5,300 00	13,400 00	12,500 00
Contingent expenses, books, and restoring models, &c. - - - - -	-	2,600 00	7,500 00	19,437 00
Applications withdrawn - - - - -	-	540 00	21,130 00	3,020 00
Debentures and other charges, per act of 16th October, 1837 - - - - -	-	-	333,740 00	453,681 06
Payment for horses and other property, per acts of 30th June, 1834, and 18th January, 1837 - - - - -	-	-	102,174 77	29,785 33
Investment of the Smithsonian fund - - - - -	-	-	-	517,776 67
All other miscellaneous payments - - - - -	4,659 07	27,993 88	8,976 50	10,332 63
<b>INTERCOURSE WITH FOREIGN NATIONS.</b>				
Outfits and salaries of ministers, chargés des affaires, salaries of secretaries of legation and others - -	124,542 37	181,173 32	130,752 12	139,726 57
Compensation for diplomatic services - - - - -	14,139 41	12,418 29	2,038 02	
Contingent expenses of foreign missions and foreign intercourse - - - - -	36,221 37	44,015 60	44,640 78	45,725 52
Intercourse with Barbary Powers - - - - -	31,675 83	16,268 26	4,203 62	9,937 81
Relief and protection of American seamen - - - - -	34,479 40	30,481 39	39,639 01	40,226 28
French seamen killed or wounded at Toulon - - - - -	1,000 00	2,000 00		

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Expenses of commissions under the conventions with France, Spain, Denmark, and the Two Sicilies	18,959 42	8,738 02	8,566 53	3,902 25
Claims on Spain	5,295 55			
Awards under the convention with the King of the Two Sicilies	508,436 93	4,633 24	253,323 56	221,214 08
Awards under the convention with the King of the French	-	220,922 33	4,115,741 76	699,933 37
Awards under the convention with the Queen of Spain	-	-	-	58,429 64
Northeastern boundary	-	2,733 20		
Smithson legacy	-	10,000 00	5,000 00	

### MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

Pay of the army and subsistence of officers	1,259,245 28	1,229,086 94	1,050,913 08	1,702,002 78
Subsistence and forage	382,321 96	611,473 73	1,023,130 84	857,755 81
Clothing and purchasing department	219,404 63	253,507 38	248,414 94	595,003 73
Quartermaster's department and transportation	591,344 78	623,146 55	461,468 84	592,879 99
Fortifications, armaments, and repairs	440,487 78	1,192,626 77	1,434,309 69	859,984 41
Ordnance department, cannon, shot, and powder	204,292 55	253,546 00	237,161 18	263,178 44
Contingencies and arrearages	12,397 49	2,776 23	8,123 28	13,663 84
Hospital and medical department	34,026 57	35,359 54	35,198 57	55,536 99
Accoutrements	-	101,955 00	63,242 00	3,863 58
Military Academy	217,909 00	104,185 98	124,653 11	207,187 54
Volunteers and militia	-	202,294 83	365,856 30	1,037,565 34
Armories, arsenals, magazines, and stores	465,567 89	613,717 38	880,414 86	702,315 79
Recruiting	-	19,201 28	37,414 12	35,509 43
Bounties and premiums and gratuities to discharged soldiers	20,093 47	630 00		
Relief of sundry individuals	175,117 87	33,185 37	4,276 70	32,230 41



## STATEMENT—Continued.

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Heads of expenditure.	Paid in 1835.	Paid in 1836.	Paid in 1837.	Paid in 1838.
Indian department, including annuities and all other expenditures on account of the Indians, excepting the Seminole and Creek war	\$1,600,263 49	\$5,187,615 88	\$4,366,618 30	\$5,564,223 75
Preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities	-	4,868,747 39	5,555,126 47	3,804,359 20
Arming and equipping the militia	162,708 51	204,659 61	226,072 52	278,788 98
Survey of ports and harbors, breakwaters, military roads, and other internal improvements	849,059 71	977,950 94	1,548,641 21	1,188,876 66
Cumberland road	949,144 22	368,356 90	406,734 60	351,977 62
Revolutionary and other pensions	1,938,024 86	2,826,803 11	2,631,310 13	2,113,418 79
Virginia claims, per act of July, 1832, (payments subsequent to 1st July, 1835)	16,686 46	55,994 85	40,852 32	42,638 50
Medals and swords	-	4,800 00	-	1,418 86
Claim of the State of North Carolina	-	-	30,000 00	-
Claim of the State of Connecticut	-	-	-	65,069 29
Protection of the northern frontier	-	-	-	439,001 00
<b>NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.</b>				
Pay and subsistence of the navy, and naval constructors	1,431,974 34	1,850,376 26	2,284,045 93	2,166,240 96
Provisions	340,177 51	558,494 63	728,799 70	631,408 49
Hospitals, medicines, and surgical instruments	76,371 71	95,604 56	56,641 67	75,556 92
Building, equipping, and repairing vessels of war	734,807 81	1,474,838 89	1,760,392 55	1,490,928 81
Contingent expenses	272,153 41	414,453 15	465,653 85	494,120 78
Ordnance, arms, shot, &c.	12,173 98	49,900 90	31,648 08	76,907 09
Navy yards	261,481 72	552,485 27	635,188 35	368,339 91

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Timber	58,228 56			
Swords, medals, and rewards	27,414 93			
Experiments on the steam-engine and steam-vessel	262 75	400 00	-	6,407 08
Gradual increase and improvement of the navy	406,222 25	317,202 60	370,560 61	241,411 92
Relief of sundry individuals	8,672 50	13,055 86	1,454 65	6,699 96
Pay and subsistence of the marine corps	242,789 94	303,878 08	282,088 79	341,788 38
Survey of the coast and examining shoals	34,686 89	711 00	5,570 00	3,092 68
Privateer pension fund	372 30	898 85	261 55	
Navy hospitals and asylum	-	-	110,912 59	111,323 22
Navy pension fund	-	6,056 13	-	190,198 59
Exploring expedition	-	202,706 08	97,293 92	
Bounties to seamen	-	-	20,000 00	
Suppressing piracy, and prohibition of the slave trade	1,915 00	560 97	974 83	50 00
PUBLIC DEBT.				
Old funded and unfunded debt	58,191 28	-	21,822 91	2,217 08
Treasury notes redeemed. Principal	-	-	-	5,588,506 71
Interest	-	-	-	14,996 48
Aggregate of the foregoing expenditures	17,735,692 90	31,096,524 61	37,539,633 22	39,779,310 54
Deduct repayments over the sums advanced for the same objects in the same year	162,551 34	228,360 57	274,596 07	323,872 20
Amount of expenditures as exhibited in the printed accounts of receipts and expenditures	17,573,141 56	30,868,164 04	37,265,037 15	39,455,438 34
The payments from trust-funds, included in the above, amounted to	509,531 73	1,212,919 58	5,655,034 06	2,305,321 89