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REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

SHQWING,

*In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the excess of the appropriations over the estimates for the years 1837, 1838, and 1839, with the causes of such excess, &c.*

MARCH 2, 1841.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 1, 1841.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit a report, in part, on the resolution of the Senate of the 20th ultimo, directing me to furnish that body with continuations of Senate document No. 497 of the 2d session of the 25th Congress, and of table 1 in House document No. 10 of the 1st session of the 26th Congress, &c. The enclosed explanatory letter and report from the Register cover the first branch of the resolution. The answer to the other will be transmitted as soon as it can be prepared.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

HON. R. M. JOHNSON,  
*Vice President United States, and President of Senate.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Register's Office, February 27, 1841.*

SIR: The enclosed statement, compiled in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 20th instant, exhibits, in continuation, the Senate document No. 497 for 1838 and 1839; also a corrected statement for 1837: the one for that year, in the document referred to, having been prepared before the Treasurer's accounts for 1837 were reported on by the accounting officers, the amount of several items was found to be considerably affected by outstanding warrants. From the same cause, if a statement for 1840 is now prepared, it would exhibit incorrect amounts.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

T. L. SMITH.

HON. LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

Statement compiled in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 20th of February, 1841; being in continuation of the Senate document No. 497, of the 2d session of the 25th Congress, for the years 1837, 1838, and 1839.

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Year.	Amount of annual estimates, exclusive of public debt.	Amount of annual expenditures, exclusive of public debt.	Excess of appropriations above estimates submitted.	Principal objects of excess of appropriations, and the amount of items of importance.	Principal objects of increase in annual expenditures, and the amount of that increase.
1837	\$32,720,107 37	\$37,243,214 24	\$17,035,991 18	Legislature - - - - - \$333,000 Per centages on salaries of clerks and messengers - - - - - 53,000 Mint - - - - - 213,000 Light-houses - - - - - 975,000 Surveys of lands - - - - - 60,000 Marine hospital - - - - - 230,000 Three and five per cent. funds to new States - - - - - 460,000 Public buildings and furniture - - - - - 495,000 Completing Alexandria canal - - - - - 300,000 Relief of the corporate cities - - - - - 82,500 Custom-houses - - - - - 180,000 Documents and manuscripts - - - - - 121,000 Horses lost - - - - - 103,000 Debentures and other charges - - - - - 475,000 Additional compensation to collectors, &c. - - - - - 23,000 Patent fund - - - - - 228,000 Miscellaneous and relief - - - - - 179,000 Foreign intercourse - - - - - 139,000 Awards, French and Neapolitan - - - - - 4,521,600 Navy - - - - - 300,000 Indian department - - - - - 1,747,000 Chickasaw fund - - - - - 1,108,000 Claim of the States of Connecticut and North Carolina - - - - - 130,000	Increase from 1836 to 1837 - - - - - \$6,395,086 40 Items of increase: Per centages on salaries of clerks and messengers - - - - - \$53,000 00 Territorial Governments - - - - - Officers, &c., of mint - - - - - 51,000 00 Judiciary - - - - - 60,000 00 Light-houses - - - - - 39,000 00 Surveys of public lands - - - - - 70,000 00 Marine hospital - - - - - 14,000 00 Public buildings in Washington - - - - - 217,000 00 Furniture for President's house - - - - - 19,000 00 Completing Alexandria canal - - - - - 150,000 00 Purchase of manuscripts from Mrs. Madison - - - - - 30,000 00 Diplomatic Correspondence, Register of Debates, &c. - - - - - 49,000 00 Public library in Wisconsin - - - - - 25,000 00 Survey of coast of the United States - - - - - 58,000 00 Debentures and other charges - - - - - 475,000 00 Patent fund - - - - - 34,000 00 Payment for horses, &c. - - - - - 142,000 00 Awards, French and Neapolitan - - - - - 4,144,000 00 Pay, subsistence, forage, and clothing army - - - - - 231,000 00 Bounties and premiums, &c. - - - - - 19,000 00

Volunteers	-	-	375,000
Armories	-	-	119,000
Suppressing Indian hostilities	-	-	5,600,000
Arsenals	-	-	14,000
Arming the militia	-	-	100,000
Barracks, &c., at Baton Rouge	-	-	24,000
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	Deduct—		
Pensions	994,000		
Fortifications	918,000		
Internal improvements	759,000		
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			1,761,000
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			16,927,000

Military Academy	-	-	23,000 00
Balance due to North Carolina	-	-	30,000 00
Arming militia	-	-	22,000 00
Accoutrements, &c., army	-	-	28,000 00
Armories and arsenals	-	-	269,000 00
Fortifications	-	-	144,000 00
Barracks, quarters, &c.	-	-	151,000 00
Volunteers and militia	-	-	40,000 00
Internal improvements	-	-	589,000 00
Preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities	-	-	672,000 00
Chickasaw fund	-	-	42,000 00
Navy	-	-	838,000 00

8,698,000 00

Deduct items of decrease:			
Mint	-	-	\$111,000
Three and five per cent. funds to new States	-	-	388,000
Potomac bridge	-	-	35,000
Relief of corporate cities of District of Columbia	-	-	10,000
Custom-houses	-	-	202,000
Additional compensation to officers of customs	-	-	54,000
Foreign intercourse	-	-	74,000
Revolutionary claims	-	-	57,000
Virginia claims	-	-	15,000
Pensions	-	-	141,000
Relief and miscellaneous	-	-	190,000
Quartermaster's department	-	-	173,000
Ordnance and ordnance stores	-	-	22,000
Indian department	-	-	839,000

2,310,000 00

6,388,000 00

STATEMENT—Continued.

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1838	\$22,735,249 19	\$33,849,718 08	\$12,566,678 80	<p>Legislature - - - \$626,000</p> <p>Per centage on salaries - - - 29,000</p> <p>Mint - - - 20,000</p> <p>Light-houses - - - 330,000</p> <p>Repayment for lands - - - 22,000</p> <p>Marine hospital establishment - - - 37,000</p> <p>Three and five per cent. funds to new States - - - 26,000</p> <p>Public buildings, &amp;c. - - - 129,000</p> <p>Relief of corporate cities - - - 75,000</p> <p>Documentary History of American Revolution - - - 20,000</p> <p>Public buildings, &amp;c., in Wisconsin and Iowa - - - 45,000</p> <p>Additional compensation to collectors, &amp;c. - - - 190,000</p> <p>Patent fund - - - 41,000</p> <p>Debentures and other charges - - - 312,000</p> <p>Property lost - - - 30,000</p> <p>Relief of individuals, and miscellaneous - - - 242,000</p> <p>Smithsonian institution - - - 518,000</p> <p>Foreign intercourse - - - 9,000</p> <p>Awards under conventions - - - 861,000</p> <p>Pay, subsistence, &amp;c., of the army - - - 347,000</p> <p>Fortifications - - - 112,000</p> <p>Florida war, &amp;c. - - - 5,815,000</p> <p>Protection northern frontier - - - 625,000</p>	<p>Decrease from 1837 to 1838 - - - \$3,393,496 16</p> <p>Items of increase:</p> <p>Legislature - - - \$386,000 00</p> <p>Per centage on salaries - - - 29,000 00</p> <p>Surveyors and clerks, &amp;c. - - - 20,000 00</p> <p>Light-houses - - - 84,000 00</p> <p>Marine hospital - - - 10,000 00</p> <p>Custom-houses - - - 167,000 00</p> <p>Debentures and other charges - - - 120,000 00</p> <p>Additional compensation to collectors - - - 167,000 00</p> <p>Relief of individuals - - - 160,000 00</p> <p>Smithsonian institution - - - 518,000 00</p> <p>Pay, &amp;c., of the army - - - 991,000 00</p> <p>West Point Academy, buildings, &amp;c. - - - 83,000 00</p> <p>Barracks, quarters, &amp;c. - - - 51,000 00</p> <p>Claims of the State of Connecticut - - - 65,000 00</p> <p>Protection of the northern frontier - - - 439,000 00</p> <p>Indian department - - - 1,783,000 00</p> <p>5,083,000 00</p> <p>Which deduct from items of decrease:</p> <p>Governments in Territories - - - \$39,000</p> <p>Judiciary - - - 20,000</p> <p>110,000</p>



**STATEMENT—Continued.**

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1839	\$23,509,069 95	\$26,496,948 73	\$1,439,021 11	<p>Mint - - - - \$11,000</p> <p>Light-houses - - - - 13,000</p> <p>Surveys of public lands - - - - 14,000</p> <p>Repayment for lands - - - - 17,000</p> <p>Marine hospital - - - - 81,000</p> <p>Three and five per cent. funds to new States - - - - 63,000</p> <p>Public buildings, Washington - - - - 196,000</p> <p>Relief of several corporate cities in the District of Columbia - - - - 76,000</p> <p>Public buildings in Florida - - - - 20,000</p> <p>Sixth census - - - - 20,000</p> <p>Documents ordered to be printed - - - - 20,000</p> <p>Debentures and other charges - - - - 61,000</p> <p>Additional compensation to collectors, &amp;c. - - - - 99,000</p> <p>Patent fund - - - - 39,000</p> <p>Property lost, &amp;c. - - - - 59,000</p> <p>Relief of individuals, and miscellaneous - - - - 191,000</p> <p>Duties refunded in certain cases - - - - 117,000</p> <p>Surveys of boundaries - - - - 16,000</p> <p>Smithsonian institution - - - - 15,000</p> <p>Foreign intercourse - - - - 14,000</p> <p>Awards under conventions - - - - 709,000</p> <p>Indian department - - - - 948,000</p> <p>Protection of northern frontier - - - - 500,000</p> <p>Florida war - - - - 1,834,000</p>	<p>Decrease from 1838 to 1839 - \$7,352,769 35</p> <p>Items of increase:</p> <p>Mint - - - - \$65,000 00</p> <p>Governments in Territories - - - - 60,000 00</p> <p>Judiciary - - - - 114,000 00</p> <p>Light-house establishment - - - - 272,000 00</p> <p>Marine hospital - - - - 45,000 00</p> <p>Three and five per cent. funds to new States - - - - 48,000 00</p> <p>Public buildings, Washington - - - - 53,000 00</p> <p>Foreign intercourse - - - - 31,000 00</p> <p>Pensions - - - - 986,000 00</p> <p>Fortifications - - - - 147,000 00</p> <p>Hospitals - - - - 50,000 00</p> <p>Navy - - - - 51,000 00</p> <p>Which deduct from items of decrease:</p> <p>Legislature - - - \$786,000</p> <p>Surveys of public lands - - - 27,000</p> <p>Alexandria canal - - - 50,000</p> <p>Documents ordered to be printed - - - 15,000</p> <p>Public buildings in Territories - - - 17,000</p> <p align="right">1,922,000 00</p>

Chickasaw fund -	-	360,000	Debentures and other charges -	392,000
		5,493,000	Additional compensation to collectors, &c. -	91,000
Deduct—			Relief, and miscellaneous -	47,000
Legislature -	\$564,000		Smithsonian institution -	505,000
Custom-houses -	195,000		Awards under conventions -	258,000
Pay, subsistence, &c., of the army -	194,000		Pay, &c., of the army -	251,000
Fortifications -	647,000		West Point Academy -	51,000
Internal improvements -	2,322,000		Arsenals, armories, arms, &c. -	166,000
Pensions -	134,000	4,056,000	Internal improvements -	350,000
			Protection of the northern frontier -	323,000
		1,437,000	Florida war -	2,724,000
			Indian department -	2,729,000
			Chickasaw fund -	300,000
				9,082,000 00
				7,160,000 00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Register's Office, February 27, 1841.

T. L. SMITH, Register.