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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina:

GENTLEMEN,

In obedience to the act of Assembly which requires of the Public Treasurer of this State, for the time being, an annual report to the Legislature, I do myself the honour respectfully to submit the following, to wit:

The Receipts at the Treasury of North-Carolina for the year commencing with the first day of November, 1825, and ending with the last day of October 1826, including sundry payments of arrearages and the public taxes of every other description which became due and were paid at the Treasury of this State within that period;

To this sum the balance remaining in the Treasury on the first day of November, 1825, and thereafter to be accounted for, as reported to the last General Assembly, being added, viz:—One hundred and thirteen thousand, eight hundred and eighty-four dollars, and twenty-seven cents, and three fourths of a cent, an aggregate amount of two hundred and forty-nine thousand, and thirty-one dollars, and seventy-seven cents is formed (\$249,031.77).

From this sum total, disbursements have been made within the time first above mentioned, including the defaced and worn Treasury Notes burnt by the last Assembly, to amount of one hundred and twenty-three thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine dollars and seven cents (\$123,729.07); the vouchers for which, including a warrant of transfer for twelve thousand, three hundred and four dollars, ninety-five cents, and an half (\$12,304.95) to the common school or education fund, have been handed over to the Comptroller, and passed upon by that Officer.

This expenditure being deducted from the aggregate amount above mentioned, will be found to leave a balance of one hundred and twenty-five thousand, three hundred and two dollars, and seventy cents remaining in the Treasury of this State on the first day of November last—say on the first day of November, 1826, and hereafter to be accounted for (\$125,302.70).

For the several items forming the reception and expenditure above mentioned, the Public Treasurer asks leave respectfully to refer to the printed statements prepared and furnished by the Comptroller, for the use of the Members of the present General Assembly.

The State Bank of North-Carolina declared dividends in the months of December and June last at the rate of 4 per cent; which, on the shares held in it by this State, amounted to twenty-one thousand, five hundred and forty-four dollars; which were passed to the credit of the State by that Bank, and are, of course, included in the amount of the receipts at the Public Treasury first above mentioned;—the December dividend, however, was, as usual, subjected to a reduction of three thousand, three hundred and fifty six dollars, and twenty-four cents; being the amount of the interest which had accrued and was payable out of it to the Bank according to law, on account of the unpaid for shares of the stock held therein by North-Carolina, at the time of the declaration of the said dividend;—the voucher for which reduction from the dividend and payment to the Bank, is included in the general account of expenditures or disbursements for the late fiscal year, and will be found in the files handed over to the Comptroller, as above mentioned.

The Banks of Cape Fear and Newbern likewise declared half yearly dividends in the months above mentioned: the Bank of Cape Fear at the rate of three per cent; and the Bank of Newbern at the rate of four per cent; part of the proceeds of which it will be recollected are appropriated and goes to the fund created for Internal Improvements;—and those Banks declared also additionally at the same times and at the same rate, on the stock or shares of their capital lately purchased by the State; the first named to amount of nineteen hundred and fifty-six dollars;—and the other to amount of eight hundred and eighty-four dollars; which two sums were paid into the common Treasury of the State, and are included in the warrant of transfer to the education fund herein before noticed.

Of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand, three hundred and two dollars and seventy cents above mentioned, as being the balance due and payable from the Public Treasurer to the State of North-Carolina on the first day of November last, forty-one thousand, three hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-five cents were deposited and stood at my credit, as Public Treasurer, in the State Bank at Raleigh.

Thirty-three thousand and seven dollars and thirty-one cents were deposited and stood at my credit, in like manner, in the Bank of Newbern, in Raleigh.

And nine thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars, and twenty-five cents, were deposited, in like manner, and stood at my credit, as Public Treasurer, in the Bank of Cape-Fear at Fayetteville.

The remainder consists of worn and redeemed Treasury Notes, which have so considerably and so rapidly accumulated since the first of November last, as to put it out of my power hitherto to count and prepare them for burning, which shall however be done as soon as practicable;—warrants and other claims on the Treasury paid off and taken up since the close of the late fiscal year;—and of Bank Notes and current Treasury Notes kept in the Office for the purpose of meeting the demands or expenditures of the day, which are often great and rarely fail to be considerable.

It will be seen from the Comptroller's Statements, as well as from this Report, that the common school fund had at its credit, on the first day of November last, the sum of twelve thousand, three hundred and four dollars, ninety-five cents and an half; since which time and on the 7th of December instant, the dividend declared by the Cape-Fear Navigation Company for 1825 on the shares held in it by North-Carolina, amounting to four hundred and twenty dollars, (which also is appropriated and belongs to that fund,) has been paid into the Treasury of the State: This item however could neither be reported nor otherwise officially made known by me to the Comptroller on the first day of November last, the day on which all the public accounts are made up and balanced; because payment was not at that time made by the Company, nor was it in fact made until the 7th of the month following; a circumstance which would leave me free to omit noticing it here, nor should I do it, were it not for my anxious desire to place this infant fund in the most respectable point of view in my power; and from my wish likewise, to do even more than common justice to the patriotic zeal and untiring endeavours of this only Navigation Company in the State which has, as yet, declared any dividend whatever;—and, acting under the influence of the same principle and feeling, I may be permitted here to remark, that although the balance of the agricultural fund could not be transferred on the first of November last, on account of the provisions and limitation of the act of 1824 in regard to its fund, and be

of the unsatisfied claims which then existed and at present exist, as well as of others of the like nature which may be made upon it by counties that have not yet formed Agricultural Societies, but which may still do so, in February next these difficulties and hindrances will be done away; when the transfer of a respectable balance from the agricultural to the common school fund may be looked forward to, with reasonable hope and expectation; at which time likewise it is highly probable, and, indeed, well nigh certain, that the Comptroller will, by his warrant, transfer also to the same fund, the amount of the dividend last above mentioned.

The Public Treasurer has rendered to the President of the Board of Internal Improvements an account of his receipts and expenditures from the first of November, 1825, to the first of November, 1826, comprehending the payments made at the Treasury by the purchasers of parts of the Cherokee Lands, together with all other monies received by him which are subject to the drafts or disposal of that Board; which shows or leaves in his hands an unexpended sum or balance of twenty three thousand, four hundred and seven dollars, and twenty-three cents, yet to be accounted for, (\$23,407.23) a copy or abstract of which account or statement accompanies this, and is marked with the letter A.

The Treasurer has the honour likewise to submit to the General Assembly an abstract of receipts and disbursements, or statement of account, showing the condition of the agricultural fund of North-Carolina on the first day of November last, which will be found to leave a balance of seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-five cents (\$7,965.95) in favour of and to the credit of the said fund; which statement is marked with the letter B.

The Treasury Notes last ordered by the General Assembly were not all issued or sold on the first day of November last, nor are the whole of them yet disposed of, a few sheets remaining still on hand, but not more than will probably be sold in course of the present session of the Assembly; this item, however, in conformity with the assurance given by the Treasurer in his last annual report, was incorporated in his general account for 1826 as settled with the Comptroller on the first day of November last, and was then set off and balanced by the delivery of Bank Stock or shares, purchased for the use and benefit of the State, to that officer in full of the same;—and to him was likewise delivered, at the same time, other Shares of Bank Stock bought with the surplus monies in the Treasury in course of the fiscal year of 1826, to amount of ten thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars, as may be seen by his statements furnished for the use of the Members of this Assembly: The stock above mentioned was of the three several Banks of North-Carolina;—The shares which were of the State Bank and of the Bank of Newbern, which have hitherto and for years past declared their dividends at the rate of 4 per cent, half yearly, were purchased at par; and those which were of the Bank of Cape-Fear, which has latterly declared at the rate of three per cent, half yearly only, were bought at ninety-two dollars per share.

Pursuant to the provisions of the act of last General Assembly, entitled "An act to cede to the United States a certain tract of land called Bogie Banks," the sum of twelve hundred and eighty-seven dollars has been sent or remitted to me by Lieutenant William A. Elisson, of the Engineers, and agent of fortifications at Fort Magon, to be deposited in the Public Treasury as the purchase money and in payment for the Lands ceded to the United States by North Carolina, through the said Act: Applications have since been made at the Treasury by one or more of the claimants under the provisions of the said Act, for a part or portion of the money so deposited, or rather for information as to the manner or means necessary to the obtaining of it; which have been necessarily postponed, on the ground, that the Public Treasurer is not clothed with any power by the act aforesaid, to judge either of the validity of the claims which might be presented, or to pay off or discharge such as should be considered good and valid;—On the grounds likewise that all power in regard to this deposit rests wholly with the Legislature;—and on the ground moreover that the Public Treasurer has not yet seen or been furnished with the evidence on which any such claims rest.

A part of the purchase money bid for the lands belonging to this State, near Raleigh, and which were sold in 1820, remains still unpaid: Judgments have, from time to time, been had in every instance, save two, in which payment was withheld or delayed; but it has unfortunately happened that, in several cases, the purchasers, together with their securities, proved insolvent; and consequently the executions, which have been frequently issued, have been uniformly returned, in these cases, with an endorsement of "not satisfied," and of course without the money due;—The Law authorising and ordering the sale of these lands, provided that no deed or other conveyance, should be made until the purchase money was fully paid up; and thus it happens that the lots of land so sold and not paid for still remain to the State, no conveyance or title whatever having been made for them by the Commissioners who were authorised and appointed to sell them;—The purchasers however continue to claim them and to exercise ownership over them, on the ground of having bid them off and covenanted to pay for them, although it is known and admitted that they have no power to do so, and their securities having long since proved insolvent as aforesaid; and some of them continue likewise still to use the lots or lands as their own, by cutting and taking the timber from off them; and committing other wastes on them. The Public Treasurer heretofore made a like representation to the General Assembly, but as no effectual remedy was then or has since been provided, and these matters still remaining in the same or a worse situation, he has considered it his duty again to mention them, as there remains not the most distant prospect or probability that payments will be made; whilst the lots or lands in question will necessarily be lessened in value, when disposed of the remaining growth of timber at present on them, and will indeed thereby become in a measure worthless.

The exposes or statements of the situation of the Banks of this State, as required by a resolution of the Assembly of 1822, are herewith transmitted.

Much and respectfully, gentlemen, your obed't serv't,

JOHN HAYWOOD, Public Treasurer.

Raleigh, 27th December, 1826.

Letters from Malaga, received at Cadiz on the 20th October, announce that a strong Algerine squadron was in sight of that port and no vessels dared to put to sea. The naval commander adds that there were off Barcelona one vessel, two corvettes, one Colombian schooner, brig and another vessel; and that six ships from San Felin and Malaga had fallen into their hands. The naval commander at Alameira announces that five Spanish vessels, at anchor under the cannon of San Pedro, had been attacked by the Algerine squadron, consisting of three large vessels and two schooners; and the peasants and volunteers of the environs having gone towards the coast, the Algerines remained there, and troops were sent for to Cartagena and the environs. Letters from the coast of Grenada, states that the Algerines had landed in the vicinity of Muleil, and carried off 200 persons of both sexes.

A letter of the 30th Oct. from Leghorn, contains the following intelligence: "The most recent letters that have reached us from Napoli are of the 5th inst. Intelligence from the second expedition to Africa was looked for with impatience. The Greek squadron was still hovering about the shores of Asia Minor, to watch the enemy

enemy twelve or thirteen thousand men, well armed."

Madrid Nov. 1.—The Algerines, who a short time since landed upon the coast of Montri, in Andalusia, have just effected a disembarkation upon that of Marvella, in the same province. Our navy is not strong enough to chase those pirates from the coast.

The Sheffield manufacturers have produced an alloy, which they have named "Ferravian Steele," which is reckoned superior to the best Indian wootz, of which the far famed Damascus blades are manufactured. The experiments of Messrs. Stodart & Farrady, have greatly contributed to its invention. Eng paper.

Mr. Nathan Starr, of this city, who has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of swords and other arms for the United States, 10 or 12 years ago made experiments with a view to obtaining blades containing all the properties of the celebrated Damascus blades. After repeated trials, he succeeded, by a process of refining, in producing blades which have been compared with the Damascus, and pronounced by good judges, superior in the shade as well as in the uniform hardness of the edge. The swords presented to Generals Jackson, Gaines, Colonel Johnson, and to Commodore Hull, manufactured by Mr. Starr, possessed blades of this kind; & on comparison of one of them, with a sword manufactured in England for one of our Naval officers, was pronounced, by good judges, every way superior, although the cost of it was less. These facts are stated, not for the purpose of boasting, (although many articles of American workmanship would warrant us in so doing,) but our object is that British workmen should not lay claim to any improvement the credit of which is strictly due to American skill and ingenuity. Any gentleman who has the curiosity to examine these blades, can do so by calling at Mr. Starr's residence. Middletown Gaz.

Newspaper Reporting.—A ludicrous ebullition of spleen or alarm seems to have taken place at the Wimbome Petty Sessions. Mr. Banks, M. P. and two other magistrates, having espied a reporter present, ordered him to desist from taking notes; but as he did not choose to do so, or to obey an order to withdraw, the Magistrates, withdrew themselves leaving several causes undecided. This is not unlike the story of the master of an American privateer, who, having by mistake chased a British sloop of war, hailed it very manfully, (after he had discovered his error) when the following dialogue ensued: "Do you mean to