

the thousand lakes. In the adjacent country is reckoned the finest hunting for furs of any on this continent; the Indians who hunt here seldom returning without having their canoes loaded as deep as they can swim.

Having just before observed that this lake is the utmost northern source of the Mississippi, I shall here further remark, that before this river enters the Gulf of Mexico, it has not run less, through all its meanderings, than three thousand miles; or, in a straight line from north to south, about twenty degrees, which is nearly fourteen hundred English miles.

These Indians informed me, that to the north-west of Lake Winnepeek lies another, whose circumference vastly exceeded any they had given me an account of. They describe it as much larger than Lake Superior. But as it appears to be so far to the north-west, I should imagine that it was not a lake, but rather the Archipelago or broken waters that form the communication between Hudson's Bay and the northern parts of the Pacific Ocean.

There are an infinite number of small lakes, on the more western parts of the western head branches of the Mississippi, as well as between these and Lake Winnepeek, but none of them are large enough to suppose either of them to be the lake or waters meant by the Indians.

They likewise informed me, that some of the northern branches of the Messorie and the southern branches of the St. Pierre have a communication with each other, except for a mile, over which they carry their canoes. And by what I could learn from them, this is the road they take when their war parties make their excursions upon the Pawnees and Pawnavnees, nations inhabiting some branches of the Messorie river. In the country belonging to these people it is said, that Mandrakes are frequently found, a species of root resembling human beings of both sexes; and that these are more perfect than such as are discovered about the Nile in Nether-Ethiopia.

Treasury Department,

New-York, September 28.

THE following regulations, which have been adopted towards carrying into execution the act making provision for the debt of the United States, are announced for the information of the public creditors.

When a transfer is to be made from one person to another, the certificate or certificates of the debt to be transferred must be produced at the proper office, in order that the same may be cancelled and a new one or new ones issued, as the case shall require.

When a transfer is desired from one office to another, application must in the first instance be made at the office where the credit exists, whereupon the certificate or certificates of the debt to be transferred will be cancelled, and a special one granted, as a voucher to the secretary of the treasury; upon the production and delivery of which to him, a warrant will issue to the office to which the debt is to be transferred. The form (A) at foot hereof, has been adopted for letters of attorney, to make transfers, which, and the directions for completing it, it is expected will be carefully observed.

In every case of a transfer of the subscribed or funded debt, the new certificate will bear interest only from the first day of the quarter in which the transfer is made. The unpaid interest which may have accrued prior to that quarter, will be paid only to the person who was stock holder at the time it accrued, or to his special assignee.

Fourteen days before the expiration of each quarter, the books of each office will be closed; so that no transfers will be made, nor, except at the treasury, will any subscriptions be received, or old certificates exchanged for new ones, on the application of non-subscribers, during that period. Those intending to become subscribers to the proposed loan, who do not subscribe, prior to the commencement of any such period—or those intending not to subscribe, who do not present their old certificates to be exchanged, or if holders of certificates of the register of the treasury, who do not notify to the treasury their intention not to subscribe, prior to such commencement of such period, will not receive the interest, which may have accrued antecedently, till the end of the quarter in which their subscriptions are made, or in which their certificates are exchanged, or in which they shall so notify their intention not to subscribe. This, the proper distribution of the funds, and the preservation of order render indispensable.

On the subscribed or funded debt, interest as it becomes due, will be paid without production of the certificates issued for the same. On the unsubscribed debt, if any there shall be, the production of the certificates will be necessary in order to the receipt of the interest, and an indorsement of the payment of it upon the certificates. This, however, in

consideration of their risk and inconvenience of transmission, will not be required of those who hold certificates of the register of the treasury, and reside out of the United States. The form (B) at the foot hereof, of a letter of attorney for receiving interest, and the directions therewith, it is expected will be carefully pursued.

(A.)

Form a power of attorney to transfer stock.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That do make, constitute and appoint true and lawful attorney for and in name to sell, assign and transfer the stock standing in name, in the books of which power also an attorney or attorney under for that purpose, to make and substitute; and to do all lawful acts requisite for effecting the premises; hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney or substitute or substitutes shall do therein by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof have hereunto set hand and seal, the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand hundred

Sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }

BE IT KNOWN, that on the day of one thousand hundred before me came within named, and acknowledged the above letter of attorney to be act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the day and year last aforesaid.

Directions.

If the power is to extend to the whole of the stock, the word "all" is to be inserted after the word "transfer." If only to part, the particular sum is to be inserted, with the addition of the words "being part of."

If the power is to extend only to a certain species of stock, it may be expressed in the different cases by inserting in the blank between the words "the" and "stock," the words "funded six per cent." (which will designate the stock bearing a present interest, or the words "funded three per cent" (which will designate the three per cent. stock) or the word "deferred," (which will designate the stock bearing interest at the end of ten years) or the word "unfunded" (which will designate the unsubscribed part of the debt.)

If no power of substitution is desired to be given, the whole that relates to it to be omitted; the place of abode, and