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To which bills the concurrence of Council is requested.

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Mr. Irick from the Joint Committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts reported the following:

We the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle and audit the accounts of the Treasurer of this State, do hereby certify, that we have examined the books in his office, and have compared the same with the evidences relating thereto, and find the same regularly stated and balanced; and also that the balance of moneys, evidences of public stocks, securities, &c. are actually in the Treasury.

WILLIAM IRICK, } Committee of Council.
FRANCIS PRICE, }

Dated, Trenton, October, 1839.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council
and General Assembly of the State of New-Jersey.*

By the law, passed in 1838, it is made the duty of the treasurer, immediately after his accounts shall be audited by the committee appointed for that purpose, to submit to the legislature a balance sheet exhibiting the general items of expenditure—the amount of receipts, and the sources whence they have been received; the indebtedness of the state, if any, how and where; the amount of school fund, and how invested; the amount of bank tax, and the sum applied to common schools, and how disposed of, &c.

In obedience to the requirements of this act, I have the honor to present the accompanying statement.

By this statement it will appear that the receipts into the treasury during the present year amount to one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents.

Of this sum about forty thousand dollars have been applied to the payment of the public debt and interest; about fifteen thousand dollars have been paid on account of the state prison, for completing it, for the salary of the officers, and for transportation of prisoners, and costs of conviction; and about sixty-two thousand dollars have been appropriated to the payment of the ordinary expenditures of the government, leaving a balance in the treasury of nine thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars and eighteen cents.

It will also be observed that there has been a considerable increase in the item of expenditures for costs on conviction of criminals. The great diversity in making out and taxing these bills of cost by the clerks of the different counties, seems to me to show that some legislative provision is necessary on the subject, the bills in some instances varying from ten to forty per cent. The act which makes it the duty of the treasurer to examine all bills of costs presented for payment, and to return them to the court to be re-taxed, if any items are charged contrary to law, is difficult as well as unpleasant in its execution—difficult because the law provides that no item or items shall be allowed when the services have not actually been performed, and shall so appear on the minutes of the court—and yet in no one instance has a copy of the minutes of the court been furnished; and unpleasant, because although taking the law alone as my guide in the discharge of my duty, I have frequently been met with the plea of hardship; and even the charge of injustice, where no allowance was made for services

which were alleged to have been performed. But the unequal effect of this law will be made more apparent when it is observed that one of the counties of the state has drawn from the treasury, during the present year, upwards of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars, a sum more than equal to the amount drawn by one half of the counties, while some have not drawn a dollar.

It likewise appears that errors have heretofore existed in some of the counties in making out the bills of cost on inquisitions, by which considerable sums of money have annually been drawn from the treasury not warranted by law, as I understand it. An effort has been made to correct these errors, and I have the satisfaction to add, that in most cases it has been successful.

I think it proper, also, to mention that some difference of opinion has existed between the officers of the Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Company, and those of the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, and myself, with regard to the construction of some of the provisions of their acts of incorporation, and the supplements thereto, respecting the amount of transit duties required to be paid to the state; and as the amount derived from those companies does and must continue to form a very material item in the permanent revenues of the state, it becomes important that a fair, liberal, and equitable construction should be put upon these acts of incorporation.

The faithfulness of the state in protecting those companies in their rights and privileges should, and it is fair to presume will, at all times be met by a readiness to fulfil, on their part, what the law requires. The attention of the legislature is respectfully solicited to this subject.

By the annexed statement it will be seen, that although the expenses of the government for the present year have been increased a little over the preceding year, that this has principally arisen from the investigation of the Cumberland election, the increased expenditure on account of deaf, dumb, blind and insane, of revolutionary pensioners, and of costs on convictions. But if the balance remaining in the treasury, and the twenty thousand dollars state tax, that will be paid during the coming months of December and January, be applied to the public debt (the purpose for which the tax was ordered to be collected) the debt during the present year will be reduced upwards of forty thousand dollars, after meeting all the expenditures of the government.

With regard to the school fund, it is proper to remark, that notwithstanding ten thousand dollars have been appropriated to the use of common schools, in the present, over former years.

(except the preceding one,) yet there will be added to that fund about ten thousand dollars.

I take the liberty, before closing this communication, again earnestly, though respectfully, to call the attention of the legislature to the unprotected condition of the papers and documents in the treasury department; and, if it be thought inexpedient at this time to incur the expense of erecting an office, it is hoped that authority will be given to purchase a safe or iron chest, in which the most valuable papers and evidences of the public funds may be preserved from destruction by fire or otherwise. The increased responsibility of the treasurer, in consequence of the repeated instances of fire and burglary, I trust will be a sufficient apology for again recurring to this subject. All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC SOUTHARD, Treasurer.

Trenton, November 4, 1839.

DR. Balance Sheet, or General Statement of the

		Dolls.	Cts.
1839.	Outstanding debts due :		
Oct. 23,	Loan from school fund, (See Statement, 1838,) \$70,865.06		
	Interest on that sum for one year, 4,251.90		
	Loan from Trenton Bank- ing Company, 2,000.00		
	Interest on that sum for one year, 120.00		
		77,236	96
	Loan from sundry banks, \$20,000.00		
	Loan from school fund, 3,442.17		
		23,442	17
	Cash received :		
	Balance in treasury, \$8,209.63		
	Received from Camden & Amboy Railroad and Transportation Co., 43,491.88		
	From Delaware and Rari- tan Canal Company, 5,495.00		
	From New Jersey Rail- road and Transportation Company, 4,847.00		
	State tax, 40,000.00		
	From First Presbyterian Society, Paterson, 140.00		
	Pedler's licenses, 186.62		
	Old iron, sold at state ar- senal, 147.95		
	Balance surplus revenue, 637.42		
		103,155	50
		203,834	63
	Balance due,	77,236	96

We, the auditing committee, do hereby certify that the fore-
going balance sheet is correct, as appears by the books and
vouchers in the treasurer's office.

WM. IRICK,	} Com. of Council.
FRANCIS PRICE,	
E. SANDERSON,	
AB'M. BRITTIN,	} Com. of Assembly.
JOHN MOORE,	
JAMES CRAIG,	
A. V. P. SUTPHEN,	

Condition of the Treasury, October, 1839. CR.

1839.	By the following disburse- ments :	Dolls.	Cts.
	Paid state account,	6,088	29
	Legislative expenses,	24,207	23
	State officers' salaries,	12,010	00
	Incidental expenses,	3,980	96
	State prison—salary of of- ficers,	6,659	55
	Appropriation for comple- ting state prison,	2,657	11
	Costs and transportation of criminals,	5,424	16
	State arsenal,	1,031	2
	Instruction and support of blind,	2,856	28
	“ “ deaf and dumb,	3,157	85
	Lunatics and idiots,	500	00
	Revolutionary pensions,	1,866	29
	Military officers,	420	00
	Inquisitions,	1,071	33
	Printing account,	3,688	68
	State house property,	380	24
	Postage account,	1,090	19
	Premium on silk,	34	15
	State library,	296	87
	Constables attending su- preme court,	143	75
	Sundry loans,	38,000	00
	Interest on loans,	1,819	92
	Cash deposited :		
	In Mechanics and Manufac- turers Bank, Trenton, \$8,670.67		
	State Bank at Newark,	95.86	
	Trenton Banking Co'y.,	100.40	
	State Bank at Camden,	31.00	
	Due from First Presbyterian and St. Pauls Church, Pat- erson,	315.25	
		9,213	18
	Balance,	77,236	96
		203,834	63

DR. Balance Sheet, or General Statement of the

1839.	STOCKS.	Dolls.	Cts.
October, Amount of fund invested in stocks:			
40 shares Cumberland Bank,	\$2,000.00		
20 shares Sussex Bank,	1,000.00		
159 shares Trenton Bank,	4,770.00		
250 shares N. J. Railroad and Transportation Company,	12,500.00		
		20,270	00

LOANS.

Loan to N. J. Railroad and Transportation Company,	\$100,000.00		
Morris & Essex Railroad & Transportation Co.	30,000.00		
Newark city,	30,000.00		
Sussex county on mortgage,	8,000.00		
Anderson Lalor, do.,	12,000.00		
State of New-Jersey,	78,559.13		
		258,559	13

TAXES DUE.

From N. B. Bank, Mechanics Bank, Paterson, and Washing- ton Bank, doubtful,		1267	30
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CASH RECEIVED.

Balance in treasury,	\$5,831.21		
Bank tax received,	24,432.44		
Dividends on stock received,	1,285.80		
Interest on loans received,	9,900.00		
		41,449	45

Cash on deposit,	7,191	18
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1839.

Oct. 29, Balance due, being total amount of school fund,	287,287	61
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Condition of the Treasury, October, 1839, CR.

1839.	By the following disbursements :	Dolls.	Cts.
April,	Paid incidental expenses, Collector of Gloucester, for com- mon schools,	2,184	00
	Essex,	2,664	00
	Passaic,	768	00
	Bergen,	1,615	50
	Morris,	2,352	00
	Sussex,	1,518	75
	Warren,	1,638	75
	Hunterdon,	2,326	50
	Somerset,	1,882	50
	Middlesex,	2,049	75
	Monmouth,	2,792	25
	Mercer,	1,710	00
	Burlington,	2,857	50
	Cumberland,	1,189	50
	Salem,	1,617	00
	Atlantic,	349	50
	Cape May,	484	50
	Profit and loss—Belleville Bank tax,	749	75
	Amount loaned to state,	3,442	17
		34,258	27

On deposit :

In Newark Banking and Insurance Co.	\$4,443.25		
Mechanics and Manufactur- ers Bank, Trenton,	62.13		
State Bank at Camden,	1,300.00		
State Bank at Newark,	500.00		
Trenton Banking Co'y.	190.80		
Cumberland Bank,	60.00		
Sussex Bank,	35.00		
Due from Newark city,	600.00		
		7,191	18

Balance, 287,287 61

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