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STATE OF THE FINANCES.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, ON THE 2D OF JUNE, 1809.

In obedience to the directions of the act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Treasury Department," the Secretary of the Treasury respectfully submits the following report:

The nett revenue arising from duties on merchandise and tonnage, which accrued during the year 1807, amounted, as appeared by the last annual statement, to

\$ 16,060,000

A correct statement of that revenue, for the year 1808, cannot be prepared at this time, but may be estimated, as will appear by the estimate A, to about

10,270,000

The revenue arising from the same sources, which accrued during the first quarter of this year, did not much exceed one million of dollars; and although considerable importations may be expected from Great Britain and the West Indies, during the last six months of this year, yet, considering that there will be no arrivals from China and the East Indies, and the situation of the commercial intercourse of the United States with the rest of the world, it is not probable that the revenue, accruing during the year 1809, will exceed that of the year 1808.

The specie in the treasury, on the 1st October, 1808, amounted to

\$ 13,846,717 52

And the receipts, during the last three months of that year, as appears by the statement B, to

3,586,316 99

\$ 17,433,034 51

The disbursements, during the same period, have amounted, including 6,105,000 dollars paid in reimbursement of the principal of the public debt, to

\$ 7,491,339 79

Leaving a balance in the treasury, on the 1st January, 1809, of

9,941,694 72

\$ 17,433,034 51

The cash in the hands of Collectors and Receivers, and the outstanding revenue bonds, amounted, on the 1st January, 1809, to

\$ 9,880,000

From which, deducting for the expenses of collection and for the drawbacks payable during the year 1809,

3,000,000

Leaves, for the probable receipts of the year 1809, exclusively of the inconsiderable sums which may be received on account of the revenue accruing during that year, a sum of

6,880,000

Making, together with the balance in the treasury, on the 1st of January, 1809, of

9,941,000

An aggregate of sixteen millions eight hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars, applicable to the expenditures of this year,

\$ 16,821,000

The expenses of the year 1809 are, in conformity with the existing appropriations, estimated at fourteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, consisting of the following items:

Civil list, including the expenses of this session of Congress, miscellaneous expenses and foreign intercourse,

\$ 1,342,000

Military and Indian departments, viz:

Appropriation for the army and Indian department,

2,765,000

Appropriation for fortifications,

475,000

Arms and military stores,

550,000

3,790,000

Naval department, this year's appropriation,

2,915,000

Public debt, (1,547,000 of the appropriation of 8,000,000 of dollars for the year 1809 having been paid in advance in the year 1808, in order to effect the reimbursement of the whole of the 8 per cent. stock)

6,453,000

\$ 14,500,000

It must, however, be observed, that the estimate of the sums, payable in the course of this year, on account of drawbacks, is conjectural; and that the exportations, particularly of colonial produce, would, if the restrictions laid by the continental Powers of Europe on neutral commerce were removed, produce a much greater defalcation in the nett receipts into the treasury, than the sum assumed in the preceding estimate. In order to guard against any inconvenience arising from that contingency, and for the purpose of keeping always a moderate sum in the treasury, it may be necessary to borrow a sum equal to the amount of the principal of public debt which will be reimbursed during the year, and which will exceed three millions of dollars.

By the 10th and 19th sections of the act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt, passed on the 3d of March, 1795, the commissioners of the sinking fund are authorized, from time to time, to borrow, and the Bank of the United States to lend, sums equal to the reimbursement of the public debt. But some doubts having arisen whether the powers vested by those two sections are applicable to the new six per cent. stocks, issued by virtue of the act of February 11th, 1807, in exchange of the old six per cent. deferred, and three per cent. stocks, it is desirable that the authority should be expressly extended, by law, to that case; and no other provision seems necessary for the public service of this year.

It would be premature to attempt, at this time, an estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the year 1810. It is sufficient to observe, that, although the receipts may exceed those of the present year, it is highly improbable that they should be equal to the expenditures of that year, which, unless the military and naval establishments should be reduced, will amount to sixteen millions of dollars. But it is believed that the revenue will, after that year, be adequate to discharge the annual expenses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT GALLATIN.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, June 1st, 1809.

A.

An Estimate of the duties which accrued on merchandise, tonnage, and passports, of debentures issued for drawback on foreign merchandise exported, of payments for bounties and allowances, and for the expenses of collection, during the year 1808.

1808.	DUTIES ON			Debentures issued. (a)	Bounties and Allowances.	Gross Revenue.	Expenses of Collection.	Nett Revenue.
	Merchandise.	Tonnage.	Passports.					
1st quarter,	\$4,285,766	\$32,607	\$166	\$198,895	\$185,395	\$3,934,249	\$154,874	\$3,779,375
2d quarter,	3,124,217	31,151	-	30,244	5,640	3,119,484	120,519	2,998,965
3d quarter,	1,867,069	26,923	212	14,259	3,608	1,876,337	142,995	1,733,342
4th quarter,	1,878,991	29,116	98	4,851	2,052	1,901,302	142,530	1,758,772
	11,156,043	119,797	476	248,249	196,695	10,831,372	560,918	10,270,454

(a) On account of drawbacks for exportations made prior to the embargo.

B.

Dr. Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the United States, from the 1st October to the 31st Dec. 1808. Cr.

To expenditures under the following heads, viz:		1808. October 1.	
<i>Civil department,</i>		By balance in the hands of the Treasurer this day,	13,847,835 26
Comprising compensation to the President, Vice President, Senate, and House of Representatives, Judges, Officers of Government, Commissioners of Loans, &c.	178,275 62	Deduct warrants drawn prior to that day, and which then remained unpaid,	1,117 74
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		By receipts into the treasury from Duties on imports and tonnage, Duties on stills, and other internal revenue,	3,409,638 43
Surveys of public lands,	5,069 81		959 59
Public buildings in the city of Washington,	15,500 00	<i>Direct Tax.</i>	
Light house establishment,	17,616 54	From the supervisors of the following districts:	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,973 01	Kentucky,	1,700 00
Ascertaining land titles in Louisiana,	5,639 20	South Carolina,	611 09
Military pensions,	3,000 00		2,311 09
Annuities and grants,	500 00	<i>Public Lands.</i>	
Mint establishment,	4,000 00	From—	
Marine hospital establishment,	11,680 60	Zaccheus Biggs, Steubenville,	34,569 73
Unclaimed merchandise,	559 62	Peter Wilson, do.	1,199 76
Road from Cumberland, in Maryland, to the State of Ohio,	400 00	Levi Barber, Marietta,	3,248 72
	66,938 78	Jas. Findlay, Cincinnati,	25,405 75
<i>Intercourse with foreign nations.</i>		Sam'l Finley, Chillicothe,	5,920 09
Diplomatic department,	4,243 16	Isaac Van Horne, Zanesville,	8,630 41
Relief and protection of American seamen,	230 00	Nathaniel Ewing, Vincennes,	406 98
<i>Payments under treaties.</i>		Lemuel Henry, fort St. Stephens,	620 00
American claims assumed under the second convention with France,	50,619 59	John Sloane, Canton,	12,571 55
Treaties with the Mediterranean Powers, generally,	5,202 15	John Henderson, Washington, Mississippi territory,	500 00
	60,294 90		93,072 99
<i>Military establishment.</i>		Fees on letters patent—from Thos. T. Tucker, Treasurer of the United States,	900 00
Military department,	216,190 40	Cents and half cents coined at the mint—from Benj'n Rush, treasurer of the mint,	2,860 35
Arming and equipping the militia,	100,000 00	Stamp duties and penalties—from David Gelston, collector, New York,	10 25
Fortifications of ports and harbors,	300,000 00		
Trading houses with the Indians,	750 00		
	616,940 40		

