

REPORT

Of the Committee on Naval Affairs, on the resolution concerning Navy Agents, accompanying "a bill concerning Navy Agents."

JANUARY 5, 1849.

Read, and with the bill committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution "directing them to inquire into the expediency of increasing the amount of the security to be hereafter required from Navy Agents, and also of requiring security to a greater amount from those now in office," have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT:

The committee find, upon examination, that most of the bonds given by Navy Agents now in office, are in the sum of \$ 20,000 with two sureties; in some few instances, the sum is less, and the number of sureties smaller, and in one or two cases, the number larger. The committee refer to a document annexed to this report, marked A, giving the names of Agents now in office, their places of residence, amount of bond, and number of sureties. The committee also refer to a document annexed to this report, marked B, giving a list of the names of Agents now out of office, against whom balances stand charged in favor of the public, with the amount of those balances, &c. The amount of bonds given, with the number of sureties as heretofore directed by law, has been at the discretion of the President. The committee think that from the large sums of money continually passing through the hands of those officers, it will be proper to fix by law, the minimum amount of the bond, with the number of sureties to be given by each, before entering upon the duties of his office; and that after a stated period, those Agents at present in office shall conform to the same rule by giving new bonds, with the requisite number of sureties; to effect these objects, the committee herewith report a bill.

Navy Department, December, 21st, 1818.

SIR,

In compliance with the request of the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, under date of the 9th instant, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a list of the Navy Agents now in office, marked A, which designates their residence, the amount of bond given by each, and the names of their respective sureties.

Also, an abstract statement, marked B, containing the names of former agents, and the amount of balances due by them to the United States, and with which they stand charged on the books of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury.

The losses will eventually be considerable upon the two last naval agencies at Norfolk. The precise state of the accounts of the late navy agent at New York cannot, at present, be ascertained.

The returns from navy agents are made every three months, by a special requisition from this department, dated 21st November, 1817, addressed to the agents respectively, in the form of a circular.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. CALHOUN,
Acting Secretary Navy.

Hon. James Pleasants, Jr.

*Chairman Naval Committee,
House of Representatives.*

(A)

NAMES of the NAVY AGENTS of the United States, where situated, the amount of their Bonds, and the number and names of the sureties to each.

Names.	Where situated.	Am't. of bond.	Sureties' Names.
John L. Storer	Portland, D. Me.	\$20,000	Seth Storer, Joseph Storer.
Henry S. Langdon	Portsmouth, N. H.	20,000	John Langdon, Jr. Edward Cutts.
Amos Binney	Boston, Mass.	20,000	Jacob Rhoades, Joseph N. Howe, Eben. Larkin, Jno. Binney.
Constant Taber	Newport, R. I.	20,000	James Fenner.
Joseph Hull	Middletown, Ct.	10 000	Canfield Gillet, Wm. Thompson, Sam'l. I. Andrews, Jas. Lewis.
Robert Swartwout	New York.	10,000	John Swartwout, William Irving.
George Harrison	Philadelphia.	20,000	Charles Francis.
James Riddle	Newcastle, Del.	20,000	George Reed.
James Beatty	Baltimore, Md.	20,000	Nathan Levering, George Williams.
Joshua Potts	Wilmington, N. C.	20,000	Hanson Kelly, Aaron Lazarus, Richard Bradley.
Arch. S. Bulloch	Savannah, Geo.	10 000	John H. Morel, Thomas Bourke.
Jeremiah Brown	Newbern, N. C.	20,000	William Hollister.
Miles King	Norfolk, Virg.	20,000	Robert C. Jennings, John Hodges.
James Morrison	Lexington, Ken.	20,000	Charles Wilkins, Lewis Sanders.
John Morgan	Hartford, Ct.	20,000	Moses Tryon, Jr.
John Robertson	Charleston, S. C.	20,000	Richard Cunningham, Stephen Shrewsbury, Frederick Kohn.
John Randall	Annapolis, Md.	10,000	John Muir, John Johnson.
John K. Smith.	New Orleans.	20,000	William Hawkins, D. A. Smith.

(B.)

A LIST of Navy Agents, who are now out of service, exhibiting the balances due from each, as appears by the books of this Office, and those of the Accountant of the Navy.

NAMES.	Place of Residence.	Balance due United States.		REMARKS.
Daniel Ludlow, - - -	New York, - - -	1,769	27	Transferred from the Accountants Office, to First Comptroller of the Treasury, 20th January, 1816. Ditto - - - - 20th January, 1816. Ditto - - - - 28th July, 1810. Ditto - - - - 20th January, 1816. Ditto - - - - 20th January, 1810. Ditto - - - - 9th March, 1810. Ditto - - - - 28th July, 1810.
Daniel Bedinger, - - -	Norfolk, Va. - - -	18	23	
William Smith, Sen'r. - - -	Charleston, S. C. - - -	1,421	64	
William Smith & Co. - - -	Ditto, - - - -	863	56	
Samuel Brown - - - -	Boston, - - - -	1,527	03	
Archibald Campbell, - - -	Baltimore, - - - -	3,030	73	
William Crafts, - - - -	Charleston, S. C. - - -	707	64½	These balances having been transferred from the books of the Accountant of the Navy, to the books of the Register of the Treasury, previous to the establishment of this office, their final result can only be known by a reference to the Register's Office.
Samuel Storer, - - - -	Portland, Me. - - - -	271	61	
John Beekman, - - - -	New York, - - - -		30	
Theodorick Armistead, - - -	Norfolk, Va. - - - -	244,217	86	
John H. Fawn, - - - -	Ditto, - - - -	151,483	93	
Nathaniel Ingraham & Son, - -	Charleston, S. C. - - -	21,649	95	
John Stricker, - - - -	Baltimore, - - - -		50	
John Bullus, - - - -	New York, - - - -	560,141	94	
To this balance of - - - - -				560,141 94
must be added this sum credited by him, in his accounts on file, in this office, under examination, received for the sale of the U. S. brig Tom Bowline, - - -				6,388 00
				566,529 94
From which amount is to be deducted his expenditures, from 1st January to 30th June, 1818, as appears by his accounts on file in this office, - - -				268,458 37
Leaving a balance against him of, - - - - -				\$ 298,071 57

As no account of his expenditures from 1st July, 1818, to the day of his death, (the latter end of September following) has been received, the actual balance against him cannot be ascertained: His expenditures for that period, judging from those of the two preceeding quarters, will probably amount to about \$ 130,000, to which may be added the last remittance made him of \$ 40,000, and by him received, a few hours previous to his death, no part of which, it is presumed, has been expended.

By a regulation of the Treasury Department, adopted the 21st November, 1817, the agents were required to transmit their accounts for settlement quarterly. This regulation has been generally complied with by the agents since that period.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Fourth Auditor's Office, 18th December, 1818.

(Signed)

CONST: FREEMAN,
4th Auditor.