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FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING A LIST OF THE

PERSONS EMPLOYED TO EXAMINE THE LAND OFFICES,

FOR

THE YEARS 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, AND 1827,

AND THE

COMPENSATION ALLOWED TO EACH.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

April 2, 1828.

SIR : In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 14th of last month, "directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the House a list of the persons appointed to examine the respective Land Offices, for the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, and 1827; and the amount of compensation, including expenses, &c. which have been allowed to each; and the number of offices examined by each person in the respective years; and, also, that he inform this House what benefits result from such examinations of the Land Offices;" I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the enclosures contained in it, which give the information required.

In regard to the benefits resulting from the examinations of the Land Offices, I beg that the House will be pleased to take, as my reply, those heretofore stated by the Commissioner, in his letter of February 22d, 1826, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Public Lands—a copy of which is transmitted with the above enclosures.

I have the honor to remain,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD RUSH.

The Hon. the SPEAKER

of the House of Representatives U. S.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

March 27, 1828:

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 14th instant, I submit to you the statement marked A, which exhibits the names of the persons who were appointed to examine the Land Offices, for the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, and 1827; the amount of compensation, including expenses, which was allowed to each; and the number of offices examined by each person in each year, respectively.

I also enclose a copy of a letter, marked B, addressed to the Hon. John Scott, Chairman of the Land Committee of the House of Representatives, in 1826, on the subject of the examination of the Land Offices. Although it may not be actually necessary to examine all the Land Offices annually, yet I think that beneficial effects would result from the occasional examination of them, and that it would therefore be expedient to authorize the Executive by law to cause such occasional examinations of the Land Offices to be made, as might by him be deemed necessary.

With very great respect,
Your obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM.

The Hon. RICHARD RUSH.

(A.)

EXHIBIT in relation to the examination of United States' Land Offices during the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, and 1827.

Names of Examiners.	Number of offices examined.	State or Territory.	Compensation to examiner.	Year of examination.
Thomas Sloo, Jr. of Illinois	{ three two eight	Missouri Arkansas Ohio	{ 699 00	1823
Matthew B. Lowrie, of Pennsylvania	{ four five one	Indiana Illinois Michigan	{ 1151 00	1823
Alexander Anderson, of Tennessee	{ three five one	Mississippi Alabama Louisiana	{ 1866 00	1823
Nathaniel Pitcher, of New York	{ eight five two	Ohio Indiana Michigan	{ 1279 00	1824
James Wilson, of Ohio	{ six five two	Illinois Missouri Arkansas	{ 700 00	1824
Alexander Anderson, of Tennessee	{ five two one	Alabama Mississippi Louisiana	{ 1710 00	1824
James Wilson, of Ohio	{ five five six	Ohio Indiana Illinois	{ 825 00	1825
Thomas Sloo, Jun. of Illinois	{ five two	Missouri Arkansas	{ 864 00	1825
James Nelson, of Pennsylvania	{ two three	Michigan Ohio	{ 315 00	1825
Abner Lacock, of Pennsylvania.	{ three three five	Louisiana Mississippi Alabama	{ 1370 80	1825
James Gregory, of Indiana	{ five	Indiana	{ 355 80	1826
Samuel Findlay, of Ohio	{ eight two	Ohio Michigan	{ 810 00	1826
Joel Johnson, of Kentucky	{ six five two	Illinois Missouri Arkansas	{ 1285 20	1826
Alexander Anderson, of Tennessee.	{ three	Alabama	{ 565 00	1826
James Wilson, of Ohio	{ five	Ohio	{ 480 00	1827
James Nelson, of Pennsylvania	{ three two	Ohio Michigan	account not received.	1827

EXHIBIT—Continued.

Names of examiners.	Number of offices examined.	State or Territory.	Compensation to examiners.	Year of examination.
A. W. Parker, of Kentucky	{ five	Indiana	{ 388 20	1827
James Dill, of Indiana	{ three	Mississippi	{ 610 20	1827
John Scott, of Missouri	{ five	Missouri	{ account	1827
Samuel Milroy, of Indiana	{ two	Arkansas	{ not rec'd	1827
Francis Dunlevy, of Indiana	{ six	Illinois	{ 426 00	1827
George S. Gaines, of Alabama	{ three	Louisiana	{ *396 00	1827
	{ five	Alabama	{ account	1827
	{ one	Florida	{ not rec'd	1827

* This is the total amount yet received by him. He claims a balance of \$426, which, however, is subject to disallowances on adjustment, which may reduce it to \$306 90. Explanations are required.

(B.)

Copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to the Hon. John Scott, Chairman of the Committee on the Public Lands, dated

FEBRUARY 22, 1826.

SIR: In reply to note of the 13th inst. covering a resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 7th of this month, relative to the expediency of repealing so much of the act of 1804, as makes it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause at least once a year the Land Offices to be examined; I have to state, that, in my opinion, the annual examination of the Land Offices is productive of beneficial results. It is a direct and immediate supervision of these offices in relation to their accounts; the moneys received, and that on hand, and the mode and manner in which all their books are kept, that ought necessarily to produce beneficial results. These results may possibly be obtained at too great an expenditure. It was deemed expedient by the late Secretary of the Treasury, that the examiners of the office should be residents of different sections of the country than that in which the office was located, and as an allowance for mileage was given, the expenses incident to the examination were necessarily increased.

I enclose a copy of the instructions usually given to persons appointed to examine the offices, as exhibiting the duties required of them. A slight indisposition has prevented an earlier answer to your inquiry.

I am, &c.

GEO. GRAHAM.