

ANNUAL REPORT OF HENRY D. MOORE, State Treasurer.

READ JANUARY 8, 1861.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania...

The disbursements and general duties of the Department for the past year have been largely in excess of those of any previous year...

Presuming that it will be more satisfactory to have the ordinary receipts and disbursements of the Department shown separate and distinct...

Payments of the ordinary appropriations and general expenses of the State from December 1st, 1860, to November 30th, 1861, inclusive...

Available balance of the general fund, November 30, 1861...

By comparing the receipts into the general fund for the last year, with the receipts for the preceding year, it will be seen that there is a falling off or deficiency of \$461,611 74.

This deficiency is mainly on the following items, viz: Tax on real and personal estate...

The deficiency on account of taxes is to be attributed to financial embarrassments and great depression of business, caused by the war in which our Government is engaged.

On the 12th of April last, the Legislature by an Act for the better organization of the Militia of the Commonwealth...

I would respectfully urge upon the Legislature the assumption and payment of this tax by our State, for two reasons...

Under the supposition that the State will assume the tax, I would respectfully suggest a mode by which our citizens may be relieved from the payment of it for the coming year...

I would respectfully propose that the claim of our State against the General Government for military expenses be "determined" as soon as it can be done...

This would relieve us from imposing this tax upon our citizens for the present year, and it is to be hoped that by the time it would be necessary to levy such tax for any succeeding year...

The State is holder of bonds of the Wyoming Canal Company to the amount of \$281,000 00. Upon these bonds the interest was punctually paid up to the 15th of January last...

The receipts and expenditures for Military or War purposes up to the end of the fiscal year, November 30, 1861, are as follows, viz:

Amount received under temporary loan, Act of 12th April, 1861...

A detailed account of receipts and expenditures will be found in the report of the Auditor General. Amount outstanding against the Commonwealth, November 30th, 1861...

Amount of public debt funded and unfunded, November 30, 1861...

Amount of public debt excluded from war loan, Nov. 30th, 1861...

By reference to the report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, it will appear that \$300,801 01 of the public debt was paid during the year ending on the first Monday of September, 1861...

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There was therefore in the Treasury on the 30th of November, 1861, as follows, viz:

Balance of general fund, 504,598 31. Unexpended balance war loans, 390,507 41. Amount refunded by General Government, 605,000 00.

Balance in Treasury, \$1,551,605 72.

The semi-annual interest on the State debt, which will be due and payable on the 1st of next month will amount to nearly one million of dollars.

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All the provisions of this act binding upon either the State or Company relating to the issuing, delivery, and cancellation of bonds, have been fulfilled by the respective parties...

My experience in this Department for the last year has satisfied me of the necessity of a thorough alteration and revision of our revenue laws. The burthen of taxation under our present system is certainly unequal and unjust.

Whether this arises from the inefficiency of our laws entirely, or a laxity on the part of assessors, collectors, or officers in enforcing their provisions, I am unable to say.

On the 12th of September an account was presented to the General Government of expenses incurred by our State for war purposes, up to the 1st of that month, amounting to about \$1,515,000 00.

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\*Newly elected members. Taxation in the United States. It appears from the census returns that there was, in all the States in 1860, real and personal estate to the aggregate value of sixteen billions, one hundred and fifty millions, six hundred and sixteen thousand dollars, on every dollar of which the government has a lien, for the purpose of maintaining itself against all foes, foreign or domestic...

THE Lowell Citizen says that it has been decided to start up the entire works upon the Merrimac corporation as soon as the necessary repairs to the machinery, now under way, can be completed. One or two mills will probably start up this week, and others in the course of two or three weeks. This corporation, when fully under way, employs about 1,700 females, and between 700 and 800 males.

From Port Royal and Beaufort.

By the arrival at New York yesterday of the Catawba and Kosnoke, we learn that Commodore Dupont was evidently preparing for a new strike at the rebels. Arrangements were making for a naval demonstration, the details of which cannot be published in full...

THE DEFORTIFICATIONS AT HILTON HEAD. These fortifications are now nearly perfected. The entrenchment back of Fort Walker is described as a splendid work, capable of protecting the fort and the quarters of the federal forces against very great odds.

ALTHOUGH large quantities of provisions have been landed at Beaufort from the transports, much more, indeed, than General Stevens' brigade of four thousand men, would be likely to need for a long time to come...

ON the 27th ultimo, an order was issued by General Stevens directing that the town and all the property within its limits be protected by a military force, and forbidding the passage of any person through the lines unless provided with a pass from the General or the officer of the day.

RECONNOISSANCE was making by our forces, many of which are extended to the main land. In one of these the Eighth Maine regiment, on the 27th, captured six rebel pickets, from whom, however, little information in relation to the rebel force between that point and Charleston could be obtained.

THE DEPARTURE OF MASON AND SIDELL. The departure of Mason and Sidell from Fort Warren yesterday was conducted as quietly as possible. The garrison, with the exception of the guards of duty, were kept from the side of the fort where the prisoners' quarters are, and there were but few persons upon the wharf when they embarked.

ANOTHER RAILROAD ACCIDENT. A most wonderful escape. Another accident occurred at a railroad crossing near the Green Tree on the Pennsylvania road, on Tuesday last.

ARRESTED FOR SEDUCTION AND MURDER. Prof. Austin, formerly Principal of Boalsburg Academy, a Minister of the Seceder Church, and latterly a prominent teacher of Common Schools, was on last Sunday arrested at Boalsburg, in this county, by a shrewd detective police officer...

THE KING COTTON IS PERU. The South American news by the Northern Light is calculated to give the Cotton Low the C. S. a feel more comfortable. The British steamer Callao, at Panama, from Valparaiso, brought up a large quantity of cotton from Peru, consigned to England, with the announcement that a much larger amount is going round Cape Horn.

WITHIN the past three weeks some of the southern cities have suffered from configurations to an extent without a parallel. We give below the most disastrous fires, with the dates of their occurrence:

Dec. 12--Charleston, \$8,000,000. Dec. 17--Greenville, A. S., 56,000. Dec. 22--Nashville, Tenn., 1,000,000. Jan. 1--Richmond, 65,000.

COMMANDER William Ronckenford, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed to the command of the United States steamship San Jacinto, now at Boston.

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM SECRETARY CHASE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.

The following letter has been addressed to Hon. W. F. Essendine, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the Senate, and Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House.

SIR:--The Act of Congress passed on the 26th of December, 1861, directing that from and after the date of its passage certain duties, in lieu of the duties before imposed, should be levied, collected and paid on tea, coffee and sugar imported from foreign countries, did not exempt from its operation tea, coffee and sugar previously imported and warehoused, and was therefore regarded by me as an act to collect the duties prescribed on all such imports without exception, and instructions were issued to the collectors accordingly.

It is my duty doubtless to execute the law as it is written, but in view of this opinion of the importing merchants, I respectfully suggest the propriety of the adoption of a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to permit warehoused goods to be withdrawn on payment of the duties imposed by the act of August 2nd, 1861, and to refund any excess of duties above those thus imposed which may have been collected on goods already withdrawn.

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