

*Report of the Fifth Auditor.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Fifth Auditor's Office, November 11, 1853.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., requesting, on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury, a report on the operations and condition of this office, including any improvement which may have taken place therein since the 4th of March last.

In reply I have to state, that, with six clerks, there appear to have been 752 accounts adjusted and reported to the Comptroller since the 4th March last, consisting, in part, of the following description, viz:

1st. Bankers of the United States at London.

2d. Ministers extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States to Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, and Chili; minister resident and dragoman to Turkey; and commissioners to China and the Sandwich Islands.

3d. Secretaries of legation to the several ministers.

4th. *Chargés des affaires* to Portugal, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Naples, Sardinia, Rome, Venezuela, Buenos Ayres, Bolivia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and minister resident in Switzerland.

5th. Consuls who receive pay, viz: at London, Alexandria in Egypt, Smyrna, Beyrout, Tangiers; Tunis and Tripoli, Barbary; Hong Kong, Amoy, and Shanghai, in China.

6th. Consuls of commerce and commercial agents who receive no other pay than commissions on their disbursements for destitute seamen, many of whom have voluminous accounts. Of this class of consuls and agents who have accounts to settle at this office, there are 214 in the different quarters of the world.

7th. Disbursing agents of the Department of State and of the General Post Office, and Commissioner of Patents.

8th. Disbursing agent for the census, under the Secretary of the Interior, whose accounts are voluminous.

9th. Commissioners for running the boundary line with Mexico, surveyors and astronomers, and other agents under the Secretary of the Interior. These accounts have been very large, and involved heavy sums:

10th. Awards of commissioners under treaties with foreign powers.

11th. Claims allowed by special acts of Congress for services and losses by citizens in Oregon in war with the Cayuse Indians, in 1847 and 1848.

12th. Accounts of captains of vessels for bringing home destitute seamen from foreign countries.

Besides the business of settling these accounts, much time and attention is required in answering calls from the Department of State for statements and information, in settling accounts under special acts of Congress besides those above mentioned, and in preparing and forwarding letters on the general business of the office.

Of the accounts rendered and not settled, I have the honor to enclose

a list herewith. Some of these are not settled because the accounts of the bankers at London for the last quarter, and from whom the parties have drawn moneys, have not yet been received; others remain unsettled for want of time and explanation. I am not aware that any improvement has been made within the period under consideration.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,  
S PLEASANTON.

PETER G. WASHINGTON, Esq.,  
*Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.*

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*List of accounts unsettled.*

- Daniel D. Barnard, minister to Prussia, from 1st September, 1851.  
John P. Brown, dragoman at Constantinople, from 15th May, 1850, to 30th March, 1853.  
James Buchanan, minister to Great Britain, from 1st June to 30th September, 1853.  
George V. Brown, consul at Tangier, Morocco, from 1st July, 1852, to 30th June, 1853.  
Richard H. Bayard, chargé to Belgium, from 1st January to 30th June, 1851.  
Daniel M. Barringer, minister to Spain, from April 1st, 1852, to 7th November, 1853.  
Cortland Cushing, chargé to Ecuador, from October 1st, 1852, to 30th September, 1853.  
Ferdinand Coxe, secretary of legation to the Brazils, from April 1st to 28th October, 1853.  
Lewis Cass, jr., chargé to Rome, from July 1st to 31st December, 1852.  
John Randolph Clay, chargé to Peru, from October 1st, 1852, to 30th June, 1853.  
Miller Greeve, chargé to Denmark, from 30th October, 1852, to 31st May, 1853.  
R. B. Jones, consul general in Egypt, from 30th December, 1852, to 23d August, 1853.  
J. R. Ingersoll, late minister to Great Britain, from August 30, 1852, to 23d August, 1853.  
William B. Kinney, chargé to Sardinia, from April 1st, 1852, to 30th June, 1853.  
J. B. Kerr, chargé to Nicaragua, from 21st August, 1851, to 30th June, 1853.  
E. J. Morris, chargé to Naples, from July 1st, 1852, to 30th September, 1853.  
H. H. Miller, chargé to Bolivia, from 22d September, 1852, to 30th June, 1853.  
George P. Marsh, minister resident in Turkey, from July 1st, 1852, to 31st March, 1853.  
Peter Parker, secretary of legation and interpreter in China, from July 1st, 1852, to 31st March, 1853.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marshal, commissioner to China; no account received.

Bailie Peyton, minister to Chili, from 1st July, 1852, to 30th September, 1853.

Robert Schenck, minister to Brazil, from 1st January to 31st March, 1853.

Francis Schroeder, chargé to Sweden, from 1st July, 1852, to 31st March, 1853.

Luther Severance, commissioner to Sandwich Islands, from 1st October, 1852, to 30th June, 1853.

J. M. Steele, chargé to Venezuela, from 1st July, 1852, to 30th September, 1853.

Thomas M. Foote, chargé to Austria, from 6th September, 1852, to 15th June, 1853

George Folsom, chargé to Netherlands, from 1st July to 31st December, 1852.

Theodore S. Fay, secretary of legation at Berlin, from 1st January to 30th June, 1853.

Same, as minister resident in Switzerland, from July 1st to September 30, 1853.

William Duer, consul at Valparaiso, to 30th August, 1853.

Thomas Aspinwall, consul at London, to 30th September, 1853.

F. B. Ogden, consul at Bristol, to 30th September, 1853.

B. Hammett Norton, consul at Pictou, N. S., to 30th September, 1853.

William Carroll, consular agent at St. Helena, to 30th June, 1853.

Charles Hufferagle, consul at Calcutta.

Ed. Brandt, consul at Archangel.

C. W. Bradley, consul at Amoy.

F. W. Emory, Mexican boundary survey, from 30th September, 1851, to 31st March, 1853.

T. W. Tansill, quartermaster and commissary, from 2d September, 1852, to 31st March, 1853.

Lieutenant Whipple, boundary survey, from 1st April, 1850, to 31st March, 1853.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Fifth Auditor's Office, Nov. 12, 1853.*

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### *Report of the First Comptroller.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Comptroller's Office, November 11, 1853.*

SIR: The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury having informed me it is your desire to have a report from me of the operations and condition of this office, including any improvement which may have taken place therein since the 4th of March last, it gives me pleasure to state that the current business of the office is promptly taken up by the different clerks to whom it is referred, and despatched with the least possible delay. There are some old accounts yet unadjusted, arising principally from the judiciary system. They have been disposed of so far as satisfactory

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## REPORT OF THE FIFTH AUDITOR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Fifth Auditor's Office, October 18, 1854.*

SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of 4th August last, I have the honor to state that the operations of this office for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1854, with a force of six clerks, (for it has been a few days, only, that a seventh was by your order transferred to it from another office,) have been the examination and adjustment of 745 of the various descriptions of accounts belonging to it, consisting of the following, viz :

The accounts of our ministers, *chargés des affaires*; secretaries of legation, dragomen in Turkey, and special diplomatic agents abroad.

Accounts of the consul-general in Egypt, and consuls in Barbary, who are paid salaries, and make disbursements for contingencies.

Accounts of consuls in China, who are paid salaries for their judicial services, under the act of Congress of 11th August, 1848, and incur expenses in relieving destitute American seamen.

Accounts of the consuls, vice-consuls, and commercial agents in all other foreign ports, who are paid no salary, except the consul at London, but make disbursements for destitute American seamen found within their consulates.

Claims of owners and masters of vessels, for bringing home destitute seamen from abroad.

Claims of our citizens for indemnities awarded to them under conventions with foreign governments.

Accounts of the commissioner, surveyor, and other agents, employed on the boundary survey between the United States and Mexico.

Claims of citizens of Oregon, for services and losses in wars with the Cayuse Indians.

Accounts of the disbursing agents of the departments of State and Post Office, together with those of the agent of the Department of the Interior, for expenses of the Census and Commissioner of Patents, relative to the contingent and other expenses of said departments, &c.

In addition to the adjustment of the above descriptions of accounts, there have been 320 letters written from the office in relation to the business connected with it, and books kept of the record of all its settlements, and of the letters written.

I am not aware of any defects in the laws or regulations under which the business of this office is conducted, and am therefore not prepared to suggest any changes for the better despatch or greater security of the business confided to it.

I have the honor to be, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. PLEASANTON.

HON. JAMES GUTHRIE,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*