

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF NEW YORK

*Government Bond  
Department*

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**Liberty and Victory Loans**

**Uniformity in Inscription of Registered Bonds  
and Notes Owned by the same Registered Holder**

To Facilitate the Payment of Semi-Annual  
Interest in One Check to Each Bond or  
Note Holder for Each Loan

*To all Banks, Trust Companies, Savings Banks, Bankers,  
Investment Dealers and Stock Exchange Firms in the  
Second Federal Reserve District :*

With reference to the submission of requests for the issue of registered bonds and notes of the United States, attention is directed to the suggestion of the Treasury Department that in cases where a person or registered owner owning bonds in a particular loan requests the registration of other bonds of that loan in his name, the same form of inscription be requested as that in which the bonds already owned were issued.

**Desirability of Identical Name**

If First Liberty Loan  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ 's were registered at the time of original issue in the name of "Jos. L. Smith," who later purchased other bonds of the same loan and had them inscribed in the name of "Dr. Joseph L. Smith," and still later requested other bonds of that loan inscribed in the name of "Joseph L. Smith, M.D.," the Treasury Department would necessarily maintain three separate accounts, one in each designation, notwithstanding the fact that the post-office addresses were identical in each case. As the semi-annual dividends became due three interest checks would be drawn, payable respectively in the designation in which the bonds were inscribed. There would then be three separate accounts on the books of the Department, all for one individual. A similar result would occur in the case of inscriptions in the following manner: "Franklin Manufacturing

Company, Henry White, Treasurer, Cleveland, Ohio," "H. White, Treasurer, Franklin Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio," and "Treasurer, Franklin Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio." In each case the registered owner would receive three checks and the possibility of misplacing or losing one or more of the checks would be much greater than if only a single check were issued covering the entire account.

It is equally desirable that if bonds stand in the name of "Edward Jones" or in the name of "William Jones," requests for registration of additional bonds should be submitted in the same manner and not in the form of "Edw." or "Wm."

#### Interest Payment in One Check

Registered owners would no doubt prefer to receive their semi-annual interest in one check covering all bonds owned by them in that particular loan, and the Treasury Department would prefer to maintain only a single account with a particular holder in one loan, but if variations occur in the form of inscription as in the examples mentioned, separate accounts must be maintained and separate interest checks issued.

#### Information From Customers

It is suggested that in submitting requests for the issue of registered bonds or notes, you make inquiry of the customer as to whether or not he holds other registered bonds or notes of the same issue, and if so, his attention should be directed to the desirability of having the new bonds or notes issued in exactly the same form of registration as were his other holdings in that loan.

Your co-operation in this matter will considerably assist the Treasury Department and will relieve your customer of the inconvenience of handling several checks which actually represent the same account.

Yours very truly,

J. H. CASE,  
*Acting Governor.*

*Postscript:*—Since going to press with the foregoing circular it is recommended by the Treasury Department that all assignments of such registered bonds be made in conformity with inscriptions appearing on other registered bonds held by the assignee. After bonds have been assigned, however, new bonds will be issued in accordance with such assignment regardless of any amended form of inscription appearing in accompanying request for transfer.