To the Cashier,

Sir:

Under date of November 24, 1915, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States designated the Federal Reserve Bank of New York a depository and fiscal agent of the United States under Section 15 of the Federal Reserve Act to become effective on and after January 1, 1916, and until revoked.

Member banks of this district located outside of the City of New York are notified that on and after January 1, 1916, they may include in their remittances to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for immediate credit at par, but subject to final payment by the Treasurer of the United States, all government warrants and checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States. Member banks situated in New York City for the present and until further notified by us are requested to collect such items through the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in New York in accordance with the present practice. When the facilities of the Federal Reserve Bank for handling government deposits have been further developed, member banks in New York City will be notified that government warrants and checks may be sent to this bank through the Clearing House subject to final payment by the Treasurer of the United States.

The Government has for many years exercised the right of returning at any time warrants and checks, which, for any cause have not been considered good; and we have been advised that this practice will be continued.

In view of this situation the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as a condition of receiving government warrants and checks on the Treasurer of the United States from member banks for credit, reserves the right to charge back and return to the depositor at any time and unconditionally any such item deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Your attention is especially invited to the above condition.

Respectfully,

BENJ. STRONG, JR.,
Governor.