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INDEPENDENT TREASURY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*A report on the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th ult., calling for explanations as to the manner in which the Independent Treasury law has been carried into operation.*

JANUARY 30, 1841.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, January 30, 1841.

SIR: The following resolution was passed by the House of Representatives on the 17th ultimo, viz:

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Treasury report to this House how far, and in what manner, the act passed at the last session, entitled 'An act to provide for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue,' has been carried into execution: whether any buildings, additions to or alterations in buildings, therein authorized or required, have been commenced, and at what cost, or contracts therefor made, or orders therefor given, and the terms and conditions of such contracts and orders; what number of clerks, special agents, and other officers, agents, or servants, have been and now are employed under the provisions of said act, or for aid in carrying the same into effect, and where and from what times, and at what compensations; whether each and every of the officers who are therein required to give bond have given bond, and the sum, sureties, and time of delivery of each bond, and who, if any, have not given bond; whether, in the collection, or keeping, or transfer, or disbursement of the public revenue, or any portion thereof, since said act has been in force, any banks have been used or resorted to, and, if so, what bank or banks, to what extent, and in what manner; and what propositions have been made, if any, to any bank therefor; and setting forth, also, in what specific matter, whether gold and silver, or notes or certificates, or other and what evidences of deposit or credit, all or any of the revenue has been collected and actually passed from the hands of the person or persons from whom the same was due, to the hands of the officer or officers charged with the immediate collection thereof, since said act has been in force; distinguishing, as nearly as may be, how much has been so collected and paid in each specific matter or medium of payment: also, setting forth how and in what places