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GENERAL TREASURERS.

BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY PATENT.

PORTSMOUTH AND NEWPORT.

Treasurers.

Robert Jeffreys, }
William Balston, } March 12, 1640, to March 16, 1641.
Robert Jeffreys..... March 16, 1641, to March 16, 1642.

NEWPORT.

Robert Jeffreys..... March 16, 1641, to March 13, 1644.
Jeremy Clarke..... March 13, 1644, to May 19, 1647.

PORTSMOUTH.

Thomas Spicer..... March 16, 1642, to _____

UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY PATENT.

General Treasurers.

Jeremy Clarke, Newport..... May 19, 1647, to May 22, 1649.
John Clarke, Newport..... May 22, 1649, to the separation.

PROVIDENCE AND WARWICK.

Randall Holden, Warwick..... May, 1652, to May, 1654.

PORTSMOUTH AND NEWPORT.

John Coggeshall, Newport..... May 17, 1653, to May 16, 1654.

UNION RE-ESTABLISHED.

John Coggeshall, Newport..... May 1654, to Sept. 12, 1654.
Richard Burden, Portsmouth..... Sept. 12, 1654, to May 22, 1655.

John Sanford, Portsmouth.....	May 22, 1655, to May 21, 1661.
Caleb Carr, Newport.....	May 21, 1661, to May 22, 1662.
John Sanford, Portsmouth.....	May 22, 1662, to Nov. 25, 1663.

UNDER THE ROYAL CHARTER OF CHARLES II.

John Sanford, Portsmouth.....	Nov. 26, 1663, to May 4, 1664.
John Coggeshall, Newport.....	1664 to 1672.
Peter Easton, Newport.....	1672 to 1677.
Thomas Ward, Newport.....	1677 to 1678.
Peleg Sanford, Newport.....	1678 to 1681.
Weston Clarke, Newport.....	1681 to 1685.
*John Woodman, Newport.....	1685 to 1686.
John Holmes, Newport.....	February, 1690, to May, 1703.
William Hiscock, Newport.....	1703 to 1705.
Nathaniel Sheffield, Newport.....	1705 to 1708.
John Holmes, Newport.....	1708 to 1709.
Edward Thurston, Newport.....	1709 to 1714.
Joseph Borden, Portsmouth.....	1714 to 1730.
Abraham Borden, Newport.....	1730 to 1733.
Gideon Wanton, Newport.....	1733 to 1743.
John Gardner, Newport.....	1743 to 1748.
Thomas Richardson, Newport.....	1748 to 1761.
Joseph Clarke, Newport.....	1761 to 1792. Died.
Henry Sherburne, Newport.....	October, 1792, to May, 1808.
Constant Taber, Newport.....	1808 to 1811.
William Ennis, Newport.....	1811 to 1817.
Thomas G. Pitman, Newport.....	1817 to 1832.
John Sterne, Newport.....	1832 to 1838.
William S. Nichols, Newport.....	1838 to 1839.
John Sterne, Newport.....	1839 to 1840.
Stephen Cahoone, Newport.....	1840 to 1843.

UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

Stephen Cahoone, Newport.....	1843 to 1851.
Edwin Wilbur, Newport.....	1851 to 1854.
Samuel B. Vernon, Newport.....	1854 to 1855.

* At this date the charter was suspended by Sir Edmund Andros.

Samuel A. Parker, Newport.....	1855 to 1866.
George W. Tew, Newport.....	May, 1866, to March, 1868.
Samuel A. Parker, Newport.....	March, 1868, to Feb. 4, 1872. Died.
Samuel Clark, Lincoln.....	Feb. 15, 1872, to 1887.
John G. Perry, South Kingstown.....	1887 to 1888.
Samuel Clark, Lincoln.....	1888 to 1890.
John G. Perry, South Kingstown.....	1890 to 1891.
Samuel Clark, Lincoln.....	1891 to Dec. 27, 1897. Died.
Clinton D. Sellew, Providence.....	Dec. 28, 1897, to May 31, 1898.
Walter A. Read, Gloucester.....	1898 to

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

<i>General Treasurer</i>	Walter A. Read, of Gloucester.
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Charles C. Clark, of Lincoln.
<i>Clerk</i>	Hattie M. Fletcher, of Pawtucket.



REPORT.

GENERAL TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January, 1903.

*To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations:*

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 33, Title VI, of the General Laws, I have the honor to submit a statement of the transactions of the treasury department, showing the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1903, an exhibit of the condition of the State House Construction Sinking Fund, Touro Jewish Synagogue Fund, the Land Grant Fund of 1862, and various other funds in custody of the State.

Reference to the treasurer's reports for the past few years shows a gradual decrease in the surplus at the close of business each year. While there has been a slight increase in current receipts, owing to the rapid growth in business and population in our State, there has been an increase in the expenses of the departments and institutions; and inasmuch as the current income is barely sufficient to meet the demands for current expenses, it is evident that new sources of revenue must be found or a deficit in the near future in the general fund is unavoidable.

A list of the present sources of revenue will be found in the appendix, with the amount derived from each; also a list of the unexpended balances of special appropriations made by the General Assembly of 1903, which must be paid from the current receipts of the ensuing year.