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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.

These are the Treasurers 4 6-68

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 Cahoon, Newport.....	1840 to 1843.

UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

Stephen Cahoon, Newport.....	1843 to 1851.
Edwin Wilbur, Newport.....	1851 to 1854.
Samuel B. Vernon, Newport.....	1854 to 1855.
Samuel A. Parker, Newport.....	1855 to 1866.

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

George W. Tow, 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

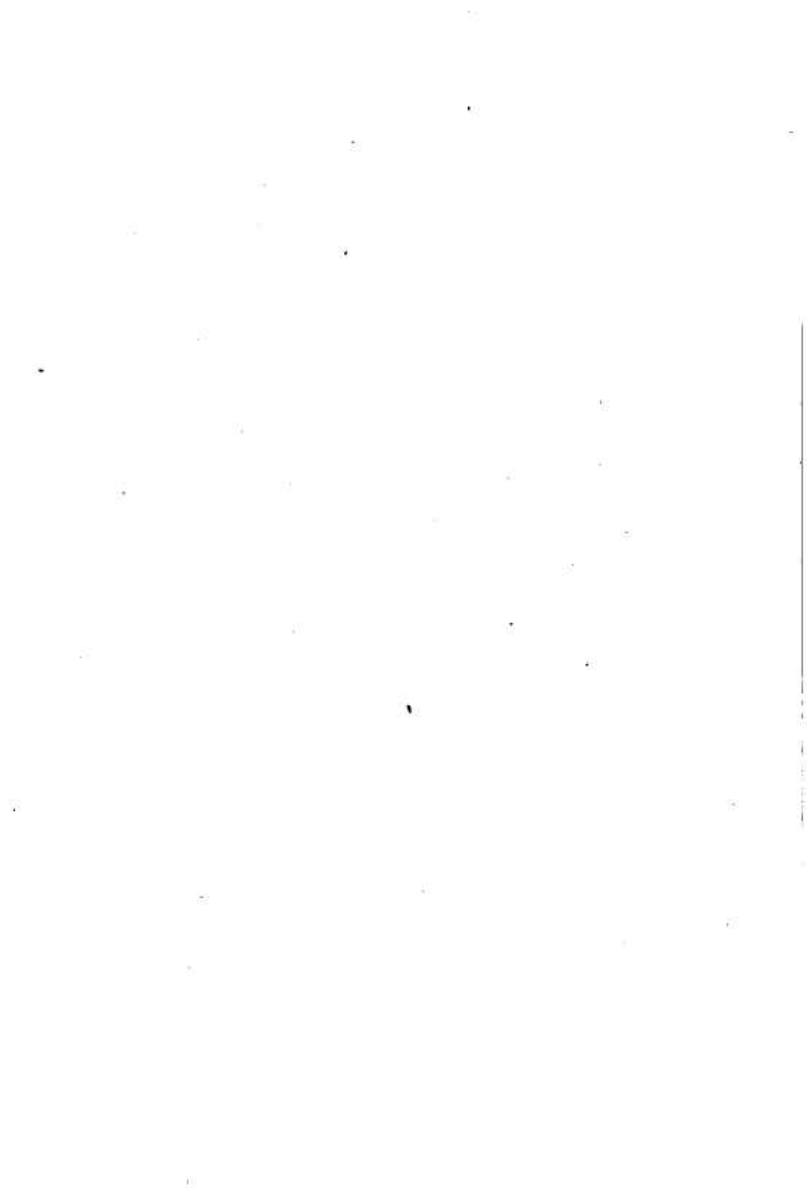
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

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*General Treasurer*..... Walter A. Read, of Gloucester.  
*Bookkeeper*..... Charles C. Clark, of Lincoln.  
*Clerk*..... Hattie M. Fletcher, of Pawtucket.  
 " ..... Leverett C. Stevens, of Greene.





# REPORT.

GENERAL TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1, 1908.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33, Title VI, of the General Laws, I submit a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the treasury department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1907.

The enactment of Chapter 1246, Public Laws, making the local valuation of the several towns and cities the basis of assessment of the State tax, the additional revenue derived from rental of oyster lands, the increase in taxes paid by savings banks, trust companies, and trolley roads, has added to the current receipts during the past two years about ten per cent. The tables below show the expenditures have increased in a corresponding ratio, and nearly equal the receipts.

A conservative estimate of receipts for 1908, in round numbers, is \$2,049,375; fixed charges and expenses, \$1,687,160; and the unexpended balances of special appropriations, \$346,620.

In addition to the above, the present General Assembly will be asked to provide for the salary and expenses of a bank examiner, for the care of the Providence Armory nearing completion, for the maintenance of the Rhode Island School for Feeble Minded, for interest on the Metropolitan Park bonds authorized by the legislature, for a sinking fund to meet the payment of the bonds at maturity, and for the enhanced cost of material and supplies for the maintenance of the charitable, benevolent, and penal institutions of the State. It is evident that more revenue is absolutely necessary to meet these demands upon the treasury unless appropriations for special objects cease or are reduced to a minimum.

The State has been unable to obtain a full settlement of its claim against the United States for enrolling, equipping, and subsisting its troops in the Spanish-American War. The original and supplemental claim amounts to \$213,533.86. Of this amount \$161,070.85 has been paid, leaving a balance due of \$52,463.01. A bill has been prepared for presentation to Congress for the payment of the above amount.

In the Appendix may be found a statement in detail of the State House, Armory, and Highway Sinking Funds, the Permanent School Fund, the Touro Jewish Synagogue Fund, the Land Grant Fund of 1862, and sundry other funds in custody of the State. Also a list of unexpended balances of special appropriations, and the sources of State revenue with the amount derived from each.