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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.
Pelege 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 Andross.

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.

GENERAL TREASURER.

WALTER A. READ, GLOUCESTER.

Bookkeeper.....Leverett C. Stevens, Greene..
Bond Clerk.....Hattie M. Church, Pawtucket.
Check Clerk.....James V. Greenhalgh, Providence.
Clerk.....Carrie E. Oatley, Johnston.

REPORT.

GENERAL TREASURER'S OFFICE,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1, 1914.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 43 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1909, a detailed statement is submitted herewith of the receipts and disbursements of the treasury department for the year ending December 31, 1913.

For several years the reports of the General Treasurer have clearly pointed out that the income of the State was insufficient to properly conduct its affairs.

Never has lack of revenue been more apparent than at this time. Never has it been so embarrassing and as difficult for the General Treasurer to meet the payments for fixed charges and special appropriations, and never has this condition caused as much inconvenience to the departments and to individuals depending upon appropriations made for their use.

It would seem in making appropriations, that little regard is paid to current receipts, relying upon the unexpended balances of special appropriations to meet the excess of regular and dependable receipts. While it has, at times, been possible to pursue this course and carry the State through the year without serious inconvenience, it is unwise and unsafe, as the unexpended balances as

long as they remain on the books of the treasury department are a direct charge to the State and are subject at all times to draft.

The unpaid bills of 1913, considerable in amount, will appear later in this report and can only be paid from the receipts of 1914.

There has been a gradual increase in current receipts for the past six years, but not in a corresponding ratio with fixed charges, as will appear from the table below:

1908	\$1,647,824 00
1909	1,923,872 00
1910	1,938,094 00
1911	2,117,552 00
1912	2,308,845 00
1913	2,465,568 00

The fixed charges of 1914 will exceed those of 1913, as the cost of preparing, printing and advertising \$250,000 Harbor Improvement, \$300,000 Metropolitan Park, and \$1,225,000 State Institutions bonds, with interest charges, and sinking fund requirements amounting nearly to \$100,000, must be provided for

The following statement gives a liberal estimate of current receipts for the coming year, and the fixed charges and probable expenditures the treasury will have to meet:

RESOURCES.

Cash in hand January 1,	
1914	\$25 60
Cash in banks	15,732 74
Estimated receipts of 1914	2,975,347 00
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