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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, 1855, to May 21, 1861.
Caleb Carr, Newport.....	May 21, 1861, to May 22, 1862.
John Sanford, Portsmouth.....	May 22, 1862, to Nov. 25, 1863.

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 Edward Andros.

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.

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REPORT.

GENERAL TREASURER'S OFFICE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1905.

*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 detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the treasury department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1904, the condition of the State House Sinking Fund, the Touro Jewish Synagogue Fund, the Land Grant Fund of 1862, and several other funds in custody of the State.

Reference to the statement of the condition of the general fund will show the expenditures of the State the past year have exceeded the receipts, and to meet the demands made upon the treasury the General Treasurer has been obliged to secure temporary loans approaching the limit permitted by law.

A liberal estimate of the income of the State for 1905 will amount, in round numbers, to \$1,663,000.00. Existing laws and fixed charges require appropriations for the objects named below:

Salaries of State officials, heads of departments, and assistants...	\$69,700 00
Salaries of judges, supreme, common pleas, and district courts, sheriffs, officers, jurors, witnesses, and expenses.....	242,400 00
Pay and mileage of members, clerks, officers, pages, clerks of committees of the General Assembly.....	56,000 00
Horticultural, historical, and agricultural societies.....	8,000 00
Boards of health and agriculture.....	26,000 00

Public schools, evening schools, and educational institutions.....	\$287,300 00	
Public libraries.....	8,300 00	
Charitable, benevolent and penal institutions.....	386,500 00	
Sinking Fund.....	41,000 00	
Interest, State house bonds and temporary loans.....	110,000 00	
Military affairs.....	50,000 00	
State printing and binding.....	50,000 00	
Care and maintenance, public buildings.....	55,000 00	
Expenses of boards and commissions.....	12,000 00	
Miscellaneous.....	64,000 00	
		<u>\$1,540,900 00</u>
Unexpended balances of special appropriations of		
1904 to be paid from receipts of 1905.....	\$234,855 55	
Temporary loans due 1905.....	200,000 00	<u>434,855 55</u>
		<u>\$1,975,755 55</u>

In addition to the above the fixed charges of the State will be materially increased by the reorganization of the judiciary system, the completion and occupancy of the State Sanatorium, and the taking of a census of the population, manufactures, and business of the State, as required by Chapter 69 of the General Laws; and if appropriations are granted for the erection of a new court house, or for the extension and remodeling of the Providence County Court House, the completion of the Providence armory, and the continued improvement of State highways, they will not only absorb the gross income of the State for 1905 but make serious inroads in the receipts of 1906. The number of unfortunate and afflicted are also constantly increasing in our charitable and benevolent institutions, and to provide them with the best medical treatment, proper care and attention, agreeable and comfortable surroundings, makes no inconsiderable draft upon the revenue of the State.

These heavy demands upon the public purse can not fairly be attributed to prodigality or to a spirit of extravagance, but are due, in a large measure, to the legitimate demands of a growing population for modern methods and better facilities for the transaction of public business; for a higher standard, more supervision, and more