

SENATE, (2d SESSION)—No. 3.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE LAND AGENT.

To His Honor Samuel T. Armstrong, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SIR :

I believe it is generally understood that the Legislature at their approaching session, meet for a specific object, and do not calculate upon transacting much if any other business than that for which purpose they are to assemble. I have presumed however, although no action on the part of the Legislature, in relation to the public lands, may at this time be necessary, yet the information of the proceedings in the Land Agency department, will not be unacceptable to any branch of the government. I beg leave therefore, most respectfully to report to your honor, a statement of the sales that have been made of the public lands this year, up to the present time.

On the 25th day of March, 1834, the Legislature passed a resolve, authorizing the sale of the public lands not

to exceed in the aggregate, to the number of six townships, but as last year was unprecedented for the derangement of the currency throughout the country, and alarming apprehensions were entertained, that the fulfilment of pecuniary engagements would be attended with sad consequences, I was induced therefore to keep the public lands out of the market as much as possible, and accordingly valued the townships at such high prices, as prevented any persons from making purchases, yet contrary to all expectations, a sudden and unlooked for demand for land took place last winter, and all the lands authorized for sale by said resolve, were soon taken off my hands at even an advance upon the valuation I had previously made, and the lands owned jointly with the state of Maine, and which were advertised in March last, to be sold at auction at Bangor, the 10th day June last, were sold at prices unexampled at any former period.

The result of the sales made as aforesaid, is as follows, viz.—

Whole number of acres sold since the first day of February last, including small tracts, islands, &c., amount to 161,071 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres.

Amount received in cash,	\$73,283 83
Amount of promissory notes payable in one to six years, with interest annually,	182, 556 68
Amount of promissory notes to be received payable as before named,	84,363 40
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Total amount of sales,	\$340,203 91
The amount of cash paid into the treasury since 1st of Feb. last,	72,988 88

Amount of notes delivered the Treasurer, payable in instalments, from one to six years, with interest annually,	182,556 68
Amount of notes due but not yet received,	84,363 40
	\$339,908 96

A more particular account in detail of the receipts and disbursements, will be made to the Legislature at the close of the year.

I am with great respect,

Your very humble serv't,

GEORGE W. COFFIN,

*Land Agent.*

LAND OFFICE, }  
24th Aug. 1835. }

Amount of notes held by the Treasury  
 more payable in instalments, from  
 one to six years, and interest on  
 187,536 68  
 Amount of notes held but not yet re-  
 ceived  
 84,503 40

187,536 68

A more particular account in detail of the receipts and  
 disbursements will be found in the statement in the  
 form of the year.

I am, very respectfully,

Your very humble servant,

GEORGE W. COPPIN,

Comptroller.

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