

directs the treasurer to close many accounts, of a large amount of debts considered as invalid, and not to report them to the legislature in future; and also to the agent's reports at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-two, votes and proceedings, pages twenty-three and one hundred and thirty-seven; to his report at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, not on the journals; to his report at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-four, votes and proceedings page thirty-six; and to his report at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-five, page ninety. And it will appear from those reports, that the state has lost large sums of money for want of a correct and proper system of revenue; but in future there will seldom, if ever, occur, any loss to the state, provided the laws are rigidly enforced, and except that is done, legislation on the subject will prove worse than vain.

The late agent resigned last October, having received an appointment under the United States government. He regretted leaving the service of the state until the public accounts were all finally closed, but they were all in such a train that he considered that they could have been settled by the treasurer, even if no other agent had been appointed; and previous to his resignation he sent a circular letter to the different public officers, requesting them to transmit their accounts to the treasurer on the first of November, the time fixed by law. Another agent was however appointed, and the manner and form in which the public accounts had hitherto been settled, was communicated to him when he was about commencing his first tour.

The late agent will, with pleasure, communicate any other information in his power to the legislature, or to any of the public officers who have the revenue under their direction. During the five years he has been agent, it has been his endeavour to discharge his duty faithfully to the state, without pressing too severely on public debtors. A considerable amount of the old debts due the state has been paid into the treasury, and he has secured some debts, formerly considered invalid; and many thousand dollars have already been saved in the collection of the public revenue. His own account he wishes to have settled, and although the compensation he has received for his services, is small in amount when compared with that received by former agents, if his conduct has met the approbation of the state, he is perfectly satisfied, and desires no other compensation than that to which he is fairly and justly entitled to by law.

All which is respectfully submitted. Thomas Kennedy.
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