

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,  
Tallahassee, 1st November, 1846.

To His Excellency W. D. MOSLEY, Governor of Florida:—Sir:

I have the honor herewith to hand you my account, as Treasurer of the State, since my entering on the duties of the office, marked A; by which it will be seen that there has been received into the Treasury from all sources, twenty-eight thousand four hundred and ninety-eight dollars and forty-four cents, (\$28,498 44,) and paid out of the same, twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents, (\$22,769 54)—leaving a balance in the Treasury of five thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and ninety cents, (\$5,728 90.) Of this sum, three thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifteen cents, is applicable to the contingent fund; and the balance, two thousand four hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-five cents, (\$2,434 75,) is applicable to the payment of the Treasury certificates, and will be paid as soon as the numbers entitled to receive the same are presented.

I also hand my account current with the Territory of Florida, marked B.

Also—paper marked C., contains my account with the Tallahassee fund, agreeable to the laws abolishing the office of the Commissioner of the Tallahassee fund, and transferring the duties of that office to the Treasurer of the State. I received from C. G. English, Esq., the late Commissioner, the following notes due that fund, viz: J. A. B. Decorce and J. L. Demilly, for \$98 75; F. & Louis Hoc, \$386 25; J. Shaw & J. B. Brown, \$105; J. S. Robinson, \$81; W. H. Wyatt & A. F. Duval, \$168 75; J. G. Padrick, \$213 75; J. S. Robinson, \$81; W. H. Wyatt & A. F. Duval, \$168 75—amounting to \$1,222 25.

I called on the respective makers for the payment of the same, Capt. J. A. B. Decorce paid me \$50, in scrip of the Corporation of Tallahassee, and \$5, in the Southern Life Insurance and Trust Bank as a further payment on his note; and agreeably to your Excellency's instructions, I did not commence suit on his note for the balance due, and respectfully refer the matter for your Excellency's further instructions—none of the other debtors paid me any thing on their notes. I placed the following notes in the hands of the Attorney General for collection, viz: F. & Louis Hoc, \$386 25; J. Shaw & J. B. Brown, \$105; J. S. Robinson, \$81; W. H. Wyatt & A. F. Duval, \$168 75; J. G. Padrick, \$213 75—amounting to \$873 75; and he will obtain judgment on them at the ensuing November term of Leon Circuit Court. Nothing, as yet, has been done with the note on W. H. Wyatt; he lives in Hillsborough county, and himself and his security to the note have taken the benefit of the bankrupt law, and been discharged from the payment of their debts. The title of the lot for which the note was given is in the Commissioner, and liable for the debt, which is all that can ever be got.

The fund owes J. S. Robinson one hundred dollars, and I have proposed to his administrators to settle the account, which will be done as soon as practicable. From the best information that I am able to obtain, it appears that the fund owes about \$6,397 41—exclusive of the claim of B. G. Thorntop, and a small interest account on a part of the claim of J. W. Levinus, as reported by the late commissioner.

Under the 15th section of the act, for the preservation of the fisheries on the coast of Florida, it is made the duty of the Commissioners to make quarterly reports to the Treasurer of the State, of all licenses granted, and all moneys received by them, for privilege, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, under this act, and prosecutions instituted, and shall pay the same yearly into the Treasury, on the first Monday in October. Under the provisions of this section, I have to state that John Darling, Esq., the Commissioner of the fisheries for Benton

County, is the only one that has made any report to this office; he promptly made his reports for the 2d and 3d quarters, ending on the 30th June and 30th of September last—a copy of the report on the 30th of September is herewith enclosed, marked D.

Since my last report, I have received nothing on account of the School Land, or 16th section fund: I have handed over to Col. B. F. Whitner, President of the Seminary lands, the one hundred dollars in the Bank of Florida money, belonging to that fund; and I now have on hand eight hundred dollars in Territorial warrants, and two dollars and twenty-five cents in good money, of this fund. I find a number of small notes, given for the rent or lease of these lands, in 1829 and 1830. The parties are nearly all *dead*, or removed away, and it is doubtful whether any of them can ever be collected.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

BENJAMIN BYRD, *State Treasurer.*

## EXHIBIT A.

**DR.**

*The State of Florida in account with Benjamin Bird, Treasurer.*

**CR.**

1846		
Oct. 31.	To am't Comptroller's warrants paid to date,	1,307 01
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	21,381 53
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	75 00
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	6 00
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	5,728 90
		\$28,498 44

1846		
Oct. 31.	By cash rec. for auction tax for 1845,	161 78
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	45 11
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	65 00
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	24,234 01
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	3,552 87
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	228 52
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	80 00
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	120 00
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	11 15
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	\$28,498 44
Oct. 31.	By balance brought down, viz:	
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	3,294 15
	"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	2,434 75
		5,728 90

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Tallahassee, 1st Nov., 1846.

E. E. BENJAMIN BIRD, State Treasurer.

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# EXHIBIT B. (Continued.)

DR.

*The Territory of Florida in account with Benjamin Bird, Treasurer.*

CR.

1846.

1845

	To this amount brought forward,	\$1811 28	
Nov. 7.	cash paid Auditor's warrant no. 292,	24 00	
" "	N. P. Bemis, as per receipt,	111 99	
		135 99	
" "	Auditor's warrant,	76, 14 13	
" "	" "	232, 13 35	
" "	" "	254, 15 00	
" "	" "	155, 11 70	
" "	" "	337, 10 50	
" "	" "	338, 8 75	
" "	" "	335, 6 75	
		80 18	
" "	" "	351, 6 00	
" "	" "	336, 6 00	
" "	" "	331, 3 50	
" "	" "	326, 5 25	
" "	" "	44, 42 75	
Nov. 7.	Auditor's Warrant,	314, 7 33	
" "	do.	77, 10 70	
		81 53	
" "	do.	154, 2 75	
" "	do.	350, 3 50	
" "	do.	322, 12 00	
" "	do.	312, 21 12	
" "	do.	46, 12 75	
" "	do.	151, 12 75	
		64 87	

To this amount brought forward,

2,456 83

Amount carried forward,

\$2,173 85

This amount carried forward,

\$2,456 83

## EXHIBIT B. (Continued.)

DR.	The Territory of Florida in account with Benjamin Bird, Treasurer.		CR.
1846		2,273 85	1846.
	This amount brought forward,		By amount brought forward,
Nov. 7.	Cash paid Auditor's warrants, no. 333,	6 75	\$2,456 83
"	do. " 297,	32 62	
"	do. " 361,	6 00	
"	do. " 348,	3 50	
"	do. " 341,	2 00	
		50 87	
"	do. " 4,	36 31	
"	do. " 22,	84 12	
"	do. " 6,	30 00	
"	do. " 379,	81 68	
		232 11	
		2,456 83	

BENJAMIN BIRD,

State Treasurer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, November 7, 1846.

I certify that I have examined the above accounts, and compared with the vouchers on file in my office, and find them correct.

N. P. BEMIS, Auditor.

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## EXHIBIT C. (Continued.)

DE.	<i>The Tallahassee Fund in account with Benjamin Bird, Treasurer.</i>	CR.
1846.	By amount brought forward, 637 70	1846 By amount brought forward, 824 03
	Discount on \$64.32, on scrip of the city corporation of Tallahassee, rec'd. from Capt. DeCorce, sold at 25 pr ct. discount, 16 08	
Oct. 30.	Paid F. Barnard on acct. R. A. Shine's draft, dated 28th Sept. 1846, for \$228, 100 00	
" 31.	My commission on \$809.71, receipts of the fund, a $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. 12 14	
" "	My commission on \$737.90 disbursements of the fund, a $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 11 06	
	Balance on hand this day, 23 20 47 05	
	\$824 03	\$824 03

BENJAMIN BIRD,  
State Treasurer.

TALLAHASSEE, October, 1846.



CHESSEHOWISKA, BENTON COUNTY, }  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES, }  
September 30th, 1846,

To the TREASURER of the State of Florida. Sir:

I have the honor to report, as directed in the act relating to the fisheries on the coast of Florida, that no application for licenses have been made, and that no fines or forfeitures have come into my hands on this account during the quarter ending this day; consequently no funds arising from this source have come or remain in my hands, as you will perceive by reference to my last report.

I am satisfied, by observation, that the tax upon the licenses generally amount to a prohibition, in consequence of the uncertainty of the profit attending investments in this branch of business. As applied to companies, the objections arise from this cause, to the poor it is beyond his means. As a measure of protection, it induces a recourse to fraud; and as a measure of revenue, by attempting to accomplish too much, it defeats itself, and produces nothing.

As a remedy, I would suggest that the license be reduced to one hundred dollars; and that a tax be levied upon all the products of the fisheries, as upon other property. There is no good reason why the fisherman should not pay his proportional for the support of Government, as well as the poor farmer or artizan. To foster a branch of business, without receiving from such encouragement a corresponding benefit in return, is useless and impolitic.

I am respectfully, your most obedient servant,

JOHN DARLING.