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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 4, 1865.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

[By the CHAIR.

COMMUNICATION

From the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the amount of money transmitted to the Trans-Mississippi Department.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }
Richmond, January 2d, 1865. }

Hon. T. S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR : I have the honor to submit the following information in relation to the amount of Treasury notes, of the new issue, remitted to the Trans-Mississippi Department, which is called for by the Resolutions adopted on the 31st of December.

The total amount transmitted is \$20,000,000, which was sent at the following dates, viz :

June 3d.	\$2 000,000
“ 21st,	2 000,000
July 19th,	4 000,000
August 19th.	4,000,000
November 9th,	4,000 000
“ 23d,	4,000,000
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	\$20 000,000
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The cause of the delay in transmitting funds, is the difficulty and danger of crossing the Mississippi River. This Department has active, intelligent and patriotic agents in its service, engaged in the task of passing the funds across the river. It was not thought prudent at first, to send a larger sum of notes than \$2 000,000 at each trip, but more recently the amount has been enlarged to \$4,000,000.

In addition to the notes, however, non-taxable bonds, and certificates of indebtedness and of deposit have been sent, to the amount of \$27,000 000

No legislation appears to be necessary to accelerate the transmission of notes. The agent is expected to return soon, and efforts will be made to extend the facilities of communication, and increase the frequency of remittances, without enlarging the sum of each, and thereby augmenting the risk.

G. A TRENHOLM,
Secretary of Treasury.

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