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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 25, 1863.

To the House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit, for your information, communications from the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, in regard to the sequestration of real estate belonging to alien enemies, in response to your resolution of the 12th inst.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF TREASURY.


TREASURY DEPARTMENT, C. S. A., }
Richmond, Feb. 24, 1863. }

THE PRESIDENT :

SIR : In response to the resolution of the House of Representatives, requesting the President "to inform" that body "what real estate, if any, has been sold under the provisions of an Act entitled an Act for the sequestration of the property and effects of alien enemies, and for the indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States, approved August 30th, 1861, and Acts amending the same, where situated, and what amount has been paid into the treasury arising from such sales," I have the honor to enclose a report from the register of the treasury giving all the information that has reached this department on the subject.

Respectfully,

C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.



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COMMUNICATION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
Department of Justice, }
Richmond, 13th February, 1863. }

TO THE PRESIDENT :

SIR : I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the resolution of the House of Representatives, asking what real estate, if any, and where situated, has been sold under the original and amended sequestration act, "and what amount has been paid into the treasury arising from such sales," and to say in reply, that this department is unable to furnish the information desired.

There is no law nor regulation requiring reports upon either of the points, to be made to this department, and none such have been made.

The 13th section of the original act requires a copy of all settlements of accounts of receivers to be forwarded by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of the Confederate States, within ten days after the decree, interlocutory or final, shall have been passed, etc., but I have no information of the action of the clerks under it.

Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

T. H. WATTS,
Attorney General.



LETTER FROM REGISTER OF THE TREASURY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, }
Register's Office, February 24th, 1863. }

HON. C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of the Treasury :

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a statement made in pursuance of the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 12th inst., and referred for reply to this office, requesting to be informed what real estate has been sequestrated under the several acts of Congress relating thereto, where located, and the amount paid thereon into the treasury. From an inspection of the statement, you will readily perceive that it answers very meagerly the end intended by the resolution. There has been, undoubtedly, such property sequestrated in every State where the act has been put into operation; but the returns made to this department, from the several receivers, while they state in detail the amounts collected, are, in general, inexplicit, as regards the *kind* of property upon which they are made. It would seem, from the nature of the proceedings instituted under these acts, that such full and complete statements should be periodically rendered to the office of the Attorney General, as the proper department to receive them. Should it not involve too great a delay, it would appear to be advisable that a copy of the resolution be sent to each receiver, with a request for a report of sufficient comprehensiveness to furnish a satisfactory compliance with its terms.

I am, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

RO. TYLER,
Register of the Treasury.

STATEMENT showing what real estate, and where located, and where located, with the amount paid into the treasury thereon, has been sequestrated under the act, approved August 30, 1861, and the act amendatory thereof, approved February 15, 1862, up to and including the 21st day of February, 1863, as shown by the returns made to the treasury from the several States.

DATE.	NAME OF ALIEN ENEMY.	WHAT AND WHERE LOCATED.	AMOUNT.
1862.			
August 7.....	J. B. Arnam.....	Lands, Pamlico District.....	\$320 00
August 7.....	J. & B. Smith.....	" " " ".....	65 00
August 7.....	J. & B. Smith.....	" " " ".....	85 00
August 7.....	John Hardin.....	" " " ".....	1,230 00
September 2..	Peter & Adam Spoon.....	" " " ".....	180 00
September 20.	Jesse Wheeler.....	" " " ".....	830 00
September 30.	Klett & Bro.....	House and Lot, Goldsboro.....	2,200 00
			<u>\$4,910 00</u>
SOUTH CAROLINA.			
1862.			
March 24.....	C. A. Case.....	House and Lot, location not specified.....	\$1,565 79
April 28.....	C. J. & W. Mumo.....	House, location not specified.....	166 66
April 28.....	H. L. Kimberly.....	" " " ".....	83 33
September 20.	B. A. W. Y. & C. L. Martin.....	Real Estate, " " " ".....	5,703 75
October 20....	Tudor Ice Company.....	" " " ".....	23,733 44
December 9....	Unknown.....	" " " ".....	173 63
December 31..	J. L. Adams.....	" " " ".....	8,693 92
December 31..	Pierson & Jennings.....	" " " ".....	3,622 72
			<u>\$43,743 24</u>
GEORGIA.			
1862.			
March 24.....	L. O. Wilson.....	House and Lot, Maricitta.....	\$388 63
August 5.....	Parmelee & Rodgers.....	" " " ".....	2,000 00

August 5	T. Stewardson	Lots, Marietta	2,560 00
August 5	F. M. Gates	House and Lot, Marietta	305 00
August 5	J. Hathaway	“ “ “	5,900 00
August 5	H. Stodd rd	Lot, Marietta	270 00
August 5	George H. Kelsey	“ “	100 00
August 5	George Wilson	Land, Cedar Town	1,700 00
August 5	A. Hotchkiss	Lot, Atlanta	295 00
August 5		“ “	1,160 00
August 5	Charles Merwin	“ “	610 00
August 5	Elizabeth Limhart	“ “	655 00
August 5	G. P. Titus	“ “	3,000 00
August 5	William Helme	“ “	3,325 00
August 5	William and Mrs. Hoyt	“ “	1,200 00
September 2	A. Eastman	Lots, Lumpkin County	1,168 60
September 2	George W. Gordon	“ “	2,005 00
September 2	T. C. A. Dexter	“ Dahlonega	400 00
			<u>\$26,142 23</u>

RECAPITULATION.

North Carolina	\$4,910 00
South Carolina	43,743 24
Georgia	26,142 23
	<u>\$74,795 47</u>

RO. TYLER, Register.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, REGISTER'S OFFICE, February 24th, 1863.



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