

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

(Pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 13th inst ant,

AN ACCOUNT OF THE

DISBURSEMENT OF THE SUMS APPROPRIATED

By the acts of 30th April, 1818, and 3d March, 1819,

For Improving the President's Square, &c.

APRIL 20, 1824,

Read: Ordered that it lie upon the table.

WASHINGTON:

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1824.

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 13th inst. requesting a detailed account of the disbursement of the sums appropriated by the acts of the 30th April, 1818, and of the 3d March, 1819, for making certain improvements in the grounds connected with the Public Offices and the President's House, I transmit a report from the Commissioner of the Public Buildings, which contains the information desired.

JAMES MONROE.

WASHINGTON, 18th April, 1824.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,*April 19th, 1824.*

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed the 13th instant, requesting the President of the United States to cause to be laid before that House a detailed account of the manner in which the nine thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars have been disbursed, which were appropriated by the act of the 3d of March, 1819, for purchasing a lot of land, and for constructing pipes for supplying the Executive Offices and President's House with water; also, a detailed account of the manner in which the ten thousand dollars have been expended, which were appropriated by the act of the 30th April, 1818, for graduating and improving the President's Square, I have the honor to state, that the proprietor of the lot of land, proposed to be purchased, by demanding what was considered a most exorbitant price, prevented the act, first abovementioned, from being carried into effect, and no disbursements took place under it. That, of the sum appropriated for graduating and improving the President's Square, nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty-four cents were expended, on those objects, by the late Commissioner, and an account and vouchers for the expenditure returned to the Treasury, an abstract of which, marked A, is enclosed.

I have the honor to remain,

Your most obedient servant,

J. ELGAR,

Commissioner of Public Buildings.

The PRESIDENT of the United States.

A.

ABSTRACT of disbursements made by the late Samuel Lane, Commissioner of Public Buildings, on account of graduating and improving the President's Square.

DATE,	VOUCHERS.	TO WHOM PAID.	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID.	Dolls. Cts.
1816.				
June 24,	1	F. C. De Kraft	For measurements and plans	100
Do -	2	C. & M. Hines	12 shovels, at 1 37½	16 50
July 2,	3	Charles Bulfinch	Plan for improving the Square	25
Do -	4	Thomas Williams	Sharpening and repairing tools	9 62
Do -	5	Laborers and Carts	Pay roll for the month of June	456 25
August 1,	6	Henry Knowles	Moving a house out of the Square	40
July 3,	7	Wm. Waters	2 buckets, at \$1 each, 4 shovels, at 1 37½	7 50
August 5,	8	Thomas Williams	Sharpening and repairing tools	25 12
Do -	9	Laborers and Carts	Pay roll for the month of July	1,082 61
September 3,	10	Thomas Williams	Sharpening and repairing tools	18 54
Do 4,	11	Charles Bizet	A quarter's salary as gardener, at \$450 per an.	112 50
Do -	12	Wm. Waters	8 shovels, at \$1.37½	11
Do -	13	Laborers and Carts	Pay roll for the month of August	1,537 55
Do -	14	Thomas Williams	Sharpening and repairing tools	15 25
Do 5,	15	Laborers and Carts	Pay roll for September	1,435 21
October 4,				

November 4, - 15
 Do - 17 1,581 27
 December 7, - 18 11 87
 Do - 19 1,597 56

Thomas Williams -
 Laborers and Carts -
 Thomas Williams -
 Laborers and Carts -

Sharpening and repairing tools -
 Pay roll for October -
 Sharpening and repairing tools -
 Pay roll for November -

1819.

January 4, - 20 165
 February 16, - 21 12
 April 6, - 22 112 50
 May 21, - 23 6 50
 July 6, - 24 112 50

Charles Bizet -
 Ingle & Lindsley -
 Charles Bizet -
 Wm. Adams -
 Charles Bizet -

Salary as gardener, from August 18th to
 December 31st, 1818; at \$450 -
 6 large picks, at \$2 -
 1 quarter's salary as gardener, at \$450, per an.
 6½ day's work, at \$1 -
 1 quarter's salary -

1820.

May 1, - 25 11 75
 July 7, - 26 11
 December 12, - 27 854 24
 Do - 28 903 31

Randolph & Clark -
 Thomas Hughes -
 Laborers and Carts -
 Do -

Work done on the Square -
 2 bushels of orchard grass seed, at \$5 50 -
 Pay roll for May, June, and July -
 Do for September and October -

1821.

January 2, - 29 13 45
 April 10, - 30 1 34
 Do 13, - 31 10 62
 May 2, - 32 17 75
 Do 4, - 33 4

Daniel Gantt -
 Nathaniel Plant -
 John N. Lovejoy -
 Charles Bizet -
 Thomas Hughes -

Work done on the Square -
 7½ barrels of sand, at 18 cts. -
 6½ perches of stone, at \$1 50, hauling 87½
 13 loads of manure, at 50 cts. 50 do. at 37½ cts.
 Half bushel of clover seed -

ABSTRACT—Continued.

DATE.	VOUCHERS.	TO WHOM PAID.	ON WHAT ACCOUNT PAID.	Dolls. Cts.
May 18, - December 5, -	64 35	Laborers and Carts Charles Bizet	For pay roll for April and March 71 loads of manure, at 37½ cts.; scythe \$1 75; laborers, &c.	94 90 42 43
				\$9,861 64

Abstract from the books of the late Samuel Lane.

J ELGAR,

Commissioner Public Buildings.