

Edwin Mounger, Esq. having on the first day of this month resigned his office as treasurer of the state, and the comptroller general being at that time absent from the seat of government, I issued an executive order, requesting Daniel Sturges, Horatio Marbury and James Meriwether; Esqrs. to count the money in the treasury, called the Yazoo Deposit, to seal up the bills belonging thereto in as many different bundles as there are bills of different amounts, and after having written their names over the seals of each bundle, to make a statement in writing to me, shewing the number of bills their several amounts, and the total amount of money in the treasury belonging to that deposit. Packet No. 5, contains a copy of the executive order and the statement above alluded to, by which it will be seen that the amount of that money now in the treasury is the same as when I came into office.

I gave the appointment of treasurer to my secretary, George Roots Clayton Esq. his long course of public duty, which he discharged while in the executive office under a slender salary with talents & great integrity, seemed to me to claim from the government, as a reward due his public merit, a higher appointment than the one he held. Indeed I should be wanting in justice to my own feelings and to the several officers whose duties have been performed immediately under my own eye, were I to retire from the government without expressing my fullest approbation of their public conduct.

JOHN MILLEDGE.

State-House, Louisville, Sept. 23, 1806.