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Little Rock Novr 12th 1833.

To His Excellency
John Pope Governor of
Arkansas Territory

Sir, I have the honor herewith to send you a statement of the sales made of the ten Sections of land, given by Congress to erect Public buildings at Little Rock, for the use of the Territory of Arkansas_ showing the number of acres sold, and the sums for which they were sold, and the payments made, and to be made

I also herewith transmit you a statement of the several sums paid agreeably to your direction, and under and in conformity with the contracts heretofore entered into by you for the erection of Public buildings at Little Rock, for the use of the Territory; and all other expenditures, viz_ There has been sold eight Sections of land to the following persons, viz, To Silas Craig five Sections for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. and he has paid in cash \$3750. and has given notes with good security for the residue. To Aaron Gora 320 acres. for \$1600_ he has paid \$400. cash, and given good security for the residue_ To Elias Rector 320 acres for \$1600 he has paid \$400 cash, and given his own and the notes of others well secured for the residue_ To Daniel Br. Hampton 320 acres for \$1600. he has paid in cash \$400, and secured the residue by his notes with good security_ To E. Cunningham 160 acres for \$800_ & he has paid \$200. in cash and given his notes well secured for \$600. To Daniel Phillips 160 acres. for \$800. he has paid \$200. cash, and given his notes well secured, for the residue_ To Joel Johnson 160 acres. he has given his note well secured for \$800 payable on the 1st day of January next_ To Benjamin Johnson 160 acres. he has given his note well secured and payable as cash for \$800_ To William Russell 160 acres for \$752. cash, being 6 pr ct deduction from the price of

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five dollars pr acre, agreeable to the terms of your Proclamation_ To John McLain and Noah H. Badget 160 acres. for \$752. being 6 pr cent reduction as cash. In addition to the foregoing eight sections there has been a sale of 521. 46/100 acres to William Montgomery agreeably to the terms of your proclamation which has been suspended in consequence of the objects of the Commissioners of the General Land Office, which prevented the payment of the amounts for which sale was made. There remains 758. 75/100 acres yet undisposed of

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there is one application for the purchase of 160 acres, and one for the purchase of 320 acres_ both of which it is believed will be affected agreeably to the terms of your Proclamation within a short period, leaving 278. 54/100 acres, besides the quantities suspended to be disposed of, if those sales of 480 acres shall be concluded_ The agreeable sums for which the eight sections sold, is \$24,504. of which \$6854 has been received in cash, or its equivalent_ and \$17,650 in notes, the payments of which is believed to be well secured.

If the remaining two sections are disposed of on the terms of former sales and according to the before named Contracts, they will bring \$6126. making a grand total of 30,630 Dollars for the sale of the ten Sections_

The cash payments aforementioned, amounting to 6854 dollars were received by me at the several times hereinafter stated, and from the following named persons.

1832. Nov 30. Cash of E. Cunningham \$200.
1832. Dec 28th Cash of Aaron Gora \$400.
1833 Jan. 15th Cash of Daniel Phillips 200.
1833. Jan. 22d Cash of Silas Craig 875.
1833. April 1st Cash of Silas Craig 500.
1833. April 4th Cash of William Russell 752.
1833. July 1st Cash of Silas Craig 500.
1833. July 21st Cash of Elias Rector 400.
1833. Octr. 9th Cash of Daniel Br. Hampton 400.
1833. Octr. 25th Cash of Mclain and Badget 752.
1833. Novr. 4th Cash of Silas Craig 1875.

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Total_ 6854.

The following payments have been made by me at the times herein-after [illegible], to the persons named, in Conformity with your directions, and under the Several Contracts entered into by you for the purchase of ground for a Site for a State House, procuring materials for, and erecting, the Public Buildings on the same and for pay of Superintendent & Architect, and for incidental expenses. Viz-

1832. Novr 7th To CP Berhaired for publishing your proclamation for sale of the ten sections_ \$12.00.

1833. Jany 1st To Phillip Woodson Junr. for advertising same Proclamation in the Huntsville democrat_ \$10.00.

1833. Jany 14th To William Russel for purchase of portion for a site for the State House_ \$800.00.

1833. Feby 15th To C. Brumbach for his services gds and finding horse in exploring the Country to find Suitable Home for the building \$6.00.

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1833. April 14th To George Weigart Architect part. pay of Salary_ \$100.00.

1833. June 7th To George Weigart, as cash_ \$75.00.

1833. June 24th To George Weigart for % of Salary_ \$50.00.

1833. Augst. 12th To George Weigart for % of Salary_ 100.00.

1833. Sepr. 23d To George Weigart for % of Salary_ 60.00.

The following six sums of money have been paid at the several [~~/~~persons [~~/~~times and to the persons named, on the order of George Weigart Architect, agreeably to your direction to that affect in writing, viz-

Sepr 7th To Alexander Starbuck for Lumber delivered_ \$52. _09.

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Octr. 5th To A Graham for lumber delivered_ 50. _ 70.
Octr. 16th To Alexander Starbuck for lumber_ 171. _ 42.
Octr. 30th To Stephen Cotton for lumber_ 12. _ 61.
Nov-4th To Stephen Cotton for lumber_ 100. 00.
To expenses of moving lumber
and seasoning the same_ 29. _ 50.
Total_ 1629_ 32.

The following Sums have been paid to
Messrs Thorne and Cook, the Contractors for
the Stone and brick work, of the Public
Buildings, now in progress under your Contract
with them vz. _

1833. May 6th to Cash, \$1500. __ 00.
1833. May 15th to Cash, since last date 111. __ 00.
1833. May 31st to Cash, since last date 240 __ 04.
1833. June 15th to Cash, since last date 885 __ 09.
1833. June 30th to Cash, since last date 649 _ 19.
1833. July 15- to Cash, since last date 40 _ 38.
1833. July 31- to Cash, since last date 65 _ 07.
1833. Augst. 15- to Cash, since last date 101 _ 50.
1833. Augst. 30- to Cash, since last date 348 _ 18.
1833. Sept. 15- to Cash, since last date 192 _ 95.
1833. Sept. 30- to Cash, since last date 164 _ 65.
1833. Octr 15- to Cash, since last date 366 _ 23.
1833. Octr 31- to Cash, since last date 338 _ 00.
1833. Novr. 12- to Cash, since last date 1789 __15.
Total \$6,791 __ 43.

Which sum of \$6,791.43/100 Dollars added to the
former sum of \$1629.32/100 Dollars makes the sum
of \$8,420.75/100 Dollars the grand total of payments
made by me for the purposes aforesaid, and
shows a cash expenditure of \$1566 75/100_ More

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than the cash receipts._ To pay which, and to meet
the current expenses, there is now due on the
notes aforesaid \$400; Dollars, and there will become
due on the 1st day of January next, \$2000; Dollars.

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both of which it is believed will be promptly paid. _ In addition to which, there have been satisfactory assurances given, that a payment of about \$5000 towards remaining notes, with a view of saving interests agreeable to the terms of your Proclamation, will be made before the 1st of Janry next; Which, with the money arising from the sale of the remaining two sections, will be sufficient to pay the above balance, and continue the progress of the work on the Public buildings as rapidly as can be desired. With a view to a prudent expenditure of the Public Moneys, if desired, I will furnish you with the respective vouchers for the foregoing expenditures.-

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I am, Sir, your very obedient Sevt,
Chester Ashley

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