

Report.

Robert Dale Owen, acting as Committee of the Board
to the President of the Board

Bloomington

October ~~September~~ 1, 1845

Sir:

In obedience to the resolution of our Board of September 23, I proceeded to Indianapolis; but found, on my arrival, that Mr Harris, the Auditor of State, was absent, having gone to Cincinnati.

I called upon Mr Austin W. Morris, who promised me his assistance, in case Mr Harris did not return, but was afterwards prevented by illness from fulfilling his promise.

I then went to the office of the ^{Treasurer} Secretary of State, Mr Mayhew, & left with him the Report made to us by his predecessor, Mr Dunn; saying to him that we desired to obtain from him a Supplement to that ~~Report~~ ^{Report}, up to the present time; or, if ~~he~~ he could not furnish that from his office, we wished, at least, to learn, what amount of mortgaged lands had been forfeited. He promised to examine into the matter. In the evening he called upon me, & told me that he could not, from his office, furnish any of the information desired; & that it could be obtained only from the Auditor. He told me, that he had spoken to Mr Dunn as to the double auditing of checks, & that he (Mr D.) had expressed his belief, that but one set of checks had actually been cashed, & that the other had been charged against us by mistake. He said, he expected Mr ~~Dunn~~ ^{Harris}, that evening (Saturday) or the next day.

Having waited until Monday & finding that Mr Harris had not arrived & that Mr Morris' health kept him in the house, I decided, as I could not delay my return & Mr Hughes (a young man in the

Auditors office) told me the day of Mr Harris' return was quite uncertain, ~~so~~ I decided to write to Mr Harris, furnishing to him all the information in possession of the Board, & requesting him to communicate to you the additional information demanded by the resolution under which I am acting, a copy of which resolution I sent him.

The above letter to Mr Harris of which I herewith submit a copy, requesting, that it may be made a part of this report, contains all the information demanded by the resolution; so far as, under the circumstances, it was possible for me to procure it.

The exact amount of interest now due on the notes in J. M. Berry's hands ^{I have} found it impossible, at this time, to obtain. Some judgments had been obtained, in which principal & interest were mixed up, & partial payments made on these. The amount set down, say \$1250... though but an approximation, is sufficiently near the true amount for practical purposes, with the present object.

I requested Mr Berry to prepare, ~~for~~ & submit to the Board at its next September session, the exact ^{amount} of notes in his possession, distinguishing those in suit & those on which judgments had been obtained, & setting down, in each case, principal & interest: which he promised to do.

The amount set down as principal in the hands of Berry is thus made up.

Amount of Notes in his hands, as per ^{his} report	
Cert of March 1840 ^(no interest reckoned)	\$ 10,094.23
Settled Capital of notes paid by him, as per his reports of 1840, 41, 42, 43, 44, & 45	5946.06
Leaves balance	4148.17
Add notes inquire Rogers' hands, March 1840 & Oct	294.39
do: notes purchased with Illinois money, in Berry's hands.	
Total — #	

Amount of Notes due by purchasers of the reserved sections, in the hands of J. M. Berry, as per his receipt of 28th March 1840 ——— \$10,094..23

Amount of notes similar to the above, in the hands of A. Rogers. J. P. for Collection in March 1840 & then staid by operation of law, as per J. M. Berry's receipt, date as above, 294..39

Notes (called Goodwin notes) purchased in February 1842 with Illinois money then depreciated; bearing 10 per cent ——— 475..—
(no interest included in the above.) \$10,863..62

Deduct Capital of notes paid since 28th March 1840 by J. M. Berry, as per his annual reports of 1840, '41, '42, '43 '44 and '45 ——— 5946..06
Balance of principal \$4,917..56

In regard to the duplicate checks, said by the Auditor of State to amount to \$1,175... , I cannot make out what professors' salaries, drawn quarterly, could produce that exact sum, & I have therefore asked the Auditor to furnish us particulars.

In my letter to the Auditor I have made no allowance for any losses on notes in Berry's hands; though ~~they~~ there will probably be some; but, on the other hand, I calculated no interest on the Goodwin notes, which must amount by this time to some \$150... & may cover probable losses.

I suggest the propriety of furnishing to Governor Whitcomb a copy of my letter to Mr Harris & ~~him~~ of his reply to you. I am, Sir

To S H Maxwell, M D
Pres Board Trustees.

Robert Dale Owen
Committee.

Report.

Artful Dale River
as Committee

to Proceeding Board

in October 1845.

To be placed on the
records. —