Treasurer of State

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TREASURER OF STATE

This department of the government was established January 24, 1839, and designated "Treasurer of the Territory." The office was appointive and the first incumbent was Thornton Bax- less, appointed by Governor Lucas. By the provisions of the Constitution of 1846 the department was continued under the title of "Treasurer." This constitution made the office elective and at the next election Morgan Reno was elected. The Constitution of 1857 continued the department under the titular head of "Treasurer of State."

The documents and records of the department mainly pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the state. But many of a different character result from legislative changes in the duties of the office. This variety in the duties of the office appears in the classification of the documents.

There are also found in this department many historical documents not classed as public archives. These are mainly letters and documents of temporary commissions, not of statutory character, such as "Johnstown Flood" and "Russian Famine," where the treasurer's office has been made the voluntary depository of gratuitous funds.

One of the most important of the additional duties assigned by law to this department is the collection of the collateral inheritance tax. Much material has accumulated in this division since its establishment in 1896. The office of State Treasurer retains all this under its control for the present, but there was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Quincy C. Willis, deputy treasurer of state, who had been in direct charge of this division of the administrative work for a number of years, information necessary to enable an outline to be made for its classification when transferred to the Historical Department.
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    Iowa Soldiers' Home
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Industrial Home for the Blind
Industrial (or reform) Schools
Boys, at Eldora
Girls, at Mitchellville
Institution for Feeble-minded Children
Iowa Soldiers' Home
Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home
Iowa State Agricultural College, etc.
Penitentiaries
Anamosa
Fort Madison
School for the Deaf
State Hospital for Inebriates
State Hospital for Insane
Cherokee
Clarinda
Independence
Mount Pleasant
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Custodian of Public Buildings
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Educational Board of Examiners
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Governor
Health, Board of
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Fees
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SIR RICHARD COBDEN LECTURES AT DUBUQUE

Yesterday Sir Richard Cobden, the sturdy English champion of reform, paid our city a visit. He was on the road from Chicago to St. Louis. During his stay here he was the guest of Rufus Spaulding, Esq. In company with several of our citizens he visited some of our city schools, with which he was most highly delighted, expressing himself astonished at the perfection to which our school system had attained, and farther, that such a system could never succeed in England, or on the Continent generally owing to the predominance of secular despotic influence. He made a few remarks at the city high school which are said to have been brim full of good sense. Sir Robert has arrived at middle age, is some five feet ten, florid, open countenance, and a portly figure of a genuine John Bull. He seems, like Greeley, to be always intently thoughtful and listens to one’s remarks with an earnestness almost painful in its intensity. His conversation is deliberate, impressive, exact, and is expressed in pure rugged Saxon. He complimented the present condition of the West and spoke cheeringly of its future. He left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis on the War Eagle.—Dubuque Express and Herald, March 26, 1859. (In the Newspaper Collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)