

APPENDIX A

HISTORICAL APPOINTMENTS¹

Recess Appointments (12)

1. 03/08/1809 to 05/15/1809:² Charles W. Goldsborough, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
2. 10/22/1816 to 12/10/1817: George Graham, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of War. (BD)
3. 09/01/1823 to 09/16/1823: John Rodgers, Commodore (Navy) and President of the Board of Navy Commissioners, temporarily appointed Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
4. 05/12/1831 to 05/23/1831: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
5. 06/20/1831 to 07/21/1831: Phillip G. Randolph, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of War. (BD)
6. 06/21/1831 to 08/07/1831: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
7. 10/05/1836 to 10/26/1836: Carey A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, temporarily appointed Secretary of War. (BD)
8. 09/13/1841 to 09/13/1841: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of Treasury. (BD)
9. 09/14/1841 to 10/13/1841: Selah R. Hobbie, First Assistant Postmaster General, temporarily appointed Postmaster General. (BD)
10. 10/30/1841: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
11. 06/21/1843 to 06/24/1843: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily appointed Secretary of State. (BD)
12. 03/03/1857 to 03/06/1857: Samuel Cooper, Adjutant General (Army), temporarily appointed Secretary of War. (BD)

¹ This appendix is compiled from information found in the following sources, cited by the Government, with abbreviations used herein noted in parentheses: *Trial of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, Before the Senate of the United States, on Impeachment by the House of Representatives for High Crimes and Misdemeanors* (Gov't Printing Office 1868) (AJ); *Biographical Directory of the American Congress: 1774-1971* (Gov't Printing Office 1971) (BD); *In re Asbury Dickins*, 34th Cong., 1st Sess., Rep. C.C. 9 (Ct. Cl. 1856) (AD); *In re Cornelius Boyle*, 34th Cong., 3d Sess., Rep. C.C. 44 (Ct. Cl. 1857) (CB).

² Full date ranges are provided when contained in the source material. Otherwise, only start dates of the temporary appointment are shown.

Acting Appointment While Secretary Is Indisposed, and Occurring When the Senate Was in Recess (117)

1. 11/23/1819: Christopher Vanderverter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
2. 04/24/1829 to 05/26/1829: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
3. 07/07/1829: William B. Lewis temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
4. 07/08/1829: Richard H. Bradford temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (AJ)
5. 08/19/1829: William B. Lewis temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
6. 11/07/1829: Phillip G. Randolph, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
7. 06/12/1830: Phillip G. Randolph, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
8. 03/08/1831: Phillip G. Randolph, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
9. 03/21/1831 to 04/14/1831: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
10. 06/16/1831 to 06/23/1831: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
11. 08/10/1831: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
12. 08/10/1831 to 09/20/1831: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
13. 10/18/1831 to 10/26/1831: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
14. 07/16/1832: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
15. 07/18/1832: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
16. 07/21/1832: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
17. 07/23/1832: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)

18. 10/01/1832 to 10/10/1832: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
19. 11/08/1832 to 11/17/1832: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
20. 11/12/1832: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
21. 03/28/1833: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
22. 05/06/1833 to 05/09/1833: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
23. 05/06/1833: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
24. 05/29/1833 to 05/31/1833: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
25. 06/13/1833: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
26. 06/05/1833: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
27. 06/05/1833: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
28. 06/06/1833: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
29. 06/13/1833: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
30. 07/18/1833: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
31. 07/21/1833: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
32. 08/10/1833 to 08/24/1833: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
33. 09/28/1833: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
34. 11/11/1833 to 11/15/1833: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)

35. 07/05/1834: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
36. 07/08/1834: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
37. 10/11/1834 to 10/31/1834: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
38. 05/02/1835 to 06/13/1835: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
39. 05/07/1835 to 06/17/1835: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
40. 05/18/1835: Carey A. Harris, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
41. 07/01/1835: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
42. 07/06/1835 to 07/13/1835: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
43. 08/31/1835 to 09/08/1835: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
44. 09/28/1835 to 10/19/1835: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
45. 10/20/1835: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
46. 10/23/1835: Carey A. Harris, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
47. 07/07/1836 to 08/29/1836: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
48. 07/09/1836: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
49. 09/27/1836 to 11/09/1836: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
50. 06/28/1837: Aaron O. Dayton, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
51. 07/13/1837 to 07/31/1837: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)

52. 10/20/1837: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
53. 10/27/1837: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (AJ)
54. 07/21/1838: Aaron Vail, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
55. 07/21/1838: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (AJ)
56. 10/06/1838 to 11/05/1838: John Boyle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (CB)
57. 04/24/1839: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
58. 06/08/1839: Aaron Vail, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
59. 06/15/1839: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
60. 08/28/1840: J.L. Martin, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
61. 10/16/1840: J.L. Martin, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
62. 03/19/1841: John D. Simms, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (AJ)
63. 04/27/1841: Daniel Fletcher Webster, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
64. 10/20/1841: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
65. 11/01/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
66. 05/31/1843: Samuel Hume Porter temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
67. 06/08/1843: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
68. 06/08/1843: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)

69. 08/17/1843: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
70. 08/28/1843: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
71. 09/28/1844: Richard K. Cralle, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
72. 09/02/1846: Nicholas P. Trist, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
73. 10/07/1846: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
74. 03/04/1847: Nicholas P. Trist, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
75. 03/31/1847: Nicholas P. Trist, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
76. 07/21/1847: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
77. 08/04/1847: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
78. 10/15/1847: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
79. 08/17/1848: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
80. 10/01/1849: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
81. 10/08/1849: John D. McPherson, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
82. 10/04/1850: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
83. 10/07/1850: Allen A. Hall temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
84. 03/31/1851: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
85. 05/10/1851: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)

86. 06/16/1851: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
87. 06/20/1851: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
88. 07/14/1851: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
89. 08/04/1851: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
90. 09/13/1851: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
91. 09/22/1851: Winfield Scott, Major General (Army), temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
92. 11/26/1851: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
93. 10/04/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
94. 10/28/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
95. 03/03/1853: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
96. 07/11/1853: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
97. 07/29/1853: Ambrose Dudley Mann, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
98. 09/23/1853: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
99. 09/29/1853: Ambrose Dudley Mann, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
100. 08/21/1854: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
101. 08/29/1854: Archibald Campbell, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
102. 10/05/1854: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)

103. 10/30/1854: Archibald Campbell, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
104. 05/03/1855: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
105. 05/26/1855: Samuel Cooper, Adjutant General (Army), temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
106. 07/21/1855: William Hunter, Chief Clerk/Assistant Secretary of State, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
107. 08/06/1855: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
108. 10/09/1855: Archibald Campbell, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
109. 04/23/1857: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
110. 06/01/1857: John Appleton, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
111. 06/28/1857: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
112. 07/13/1858: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
113. 08/20/1858: John Appleton, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
114. 04/26/1859: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
115. 07/05/1859: William R. Drinkard, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
116. 07/26/1859: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
117. 08/30/1859: Philip Clayton temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)

Acting Appointment While Secretary Is Indisposed, and Occurring When the Senate Was in Regular or Special Session (36)

1. 02/17/1809 to 04/08/1809: John Smith, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (BD)
2. 03/15/1832 to 03/30/1832: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AD)
3. 06/08/1832: John Robb, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
4. 05/08/1834: Mahlon Dickerson temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)

5. 04/29/1836: Carey A. Harris, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
6. 05/19/1836 to 05/23/1836: Asbury Dickins, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AD)
7. 05/27/1836: Carey A. Harris, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
8. 07/01/1838: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
9. 08/20/1841: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
10. 05/14/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
11. 06/07/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
12. 06/30/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
13. 07/20/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
14. 12/14/1842: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
15. 03/31/1846: Nicholas P. Trist, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
16. 12/09/1847: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
17. 04/10/1848: John Appleton, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
18. 05/26/1848: Archibald Campbell, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)
19. 06/20/1850: John McGinnis, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
20. 12/06/1850: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
21. 12/23/1850: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)

22. 03/01/1851: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
23. 02/20/1852: William S. Derrick, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
24. 02/21/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
25. 03/01/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
26. 03/19/1852: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
27. 04/26/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
28. 05/01/1852: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
29. 05/24/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
30. 06/10/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
31. 07/06/1852: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (AJ)
32. 08/27/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
33. 12/31/1852: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
34. 01/15/1853: William L. Hodge, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
35. 04/12/1854: Peter G. Washington, Assistant Secretary, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (AJ)
36. 01/19/1857: Archibald Campbell, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (AJ)

During a Change in Administration (15)

1. 03/04/1817 to 03/10/1817: John Graham, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (BD)
2. 03/04/1825 to 03/07/1825: Daniel Brent, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (BD)
3. 03/04/1829 to 03/09/1829: Charles Hay, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
4. 03/04/1829 to 03/28/1829: James A. Hamilton temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (BD)
5. 03/04/1841 to 03/05/1841: J.L. Martin, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (BD)
6. 03/04/1841 to 03/05/1841: John D. Simms, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
7. 03/04/1841 to 03/05/1841: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (BD)
8. 03/04/1841 to 03/08/1841: Selah R. Hobbie, First Assistant Postmaster General, temporarily acting as Postmaster General. (BD)
9. 03/06/1849 to 03/08/1849: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. (BD)
10. 03/06/1849 to 03/08/1849: Selah R. Hobbie, First Assistant Postmaster General, temporarily acting as Postmaster General. (BD)
11. 07/23/1850 to 08/15/1850: Daniel C. Goddard, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Interior. (BD)
12. 07/23/1850 to 08/02/1850: Lewis Warrington, Captain (Navy), temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. (BD)
13. 07/23/1850 to 07/24/1850: Samuel J. Anderson, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (BD)
14. 07/24/1850 to 08/15/1850: Winfield Scott, Major General (Army), temporarily acting as Secretary of War. (BD)
15. 03/04/1853 to 03/07/1853: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. (BD)

Due To Resignation (7)

1. 01/07/1813 to 01/18/1813: Charles W. Goldsborough, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. Paul Hamilton resigned as Secretary of Navy during the War of 1812. (BD)
2. 12/02/1814 to 01/16/1815: Benjamin Homans, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. William Jones resigned as Secretary of Navy during the War of 1812. (BD)
3. 09/11/1841 to 10/11/1841: John D. Simms, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. George E. Badger resigned as Secretary of the Navy with several other members of the cabinet in protest when President Tyler vetoed Whig initiatives. (BD)
4. 09/12/1841 to 10/12/1841: Albert M. Lee, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of War. John Bell resigned as Secretary of War with several other members of the cabinet in protest when President Tyler vetoed Whig initiatives. (BD)
5. 03/01/1843 to 03/08/1843: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. Walter Forward resigned as Secretary of Treasury in protest. (BD)
6. 08/27/1850 to 09/16/1850: Daniel C. Goddard, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Interior. Thomas M. T. McKennan resigned as Secretary of Interior after 11 days, citing his nervous temperament. (BD)
7. 12/15/1860 to 12/17/1860: William Hunter, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of State. Lewis Cass resigned as Secretary of State in protest. (BD)

Unforeseen Exigencies (4)

1. 06/25/1834 to 07/01/1834: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. Exigency: Senate rejected cabinet nominee for the first time in U.S. history. (BD)
2. 02/29/1844 to 03/26/1844: Lewis Warrington, Captain (Navy), temporarily acting as Secretary of the Navy. Exigency: The previous Secretary of Navy was killed by a bursting naval gun while on board the USS Princeton. (BD)
3. 05/02/1844 to 07/04/1844: McClintock Young, Chief Clerk, temporarily acting as Secretary of Treasury. Exigency: The previous Secretary of Treasury John Spencer died in office. (BD)
4. 03/09/1859 to 03/14/1859: Horatio King, First Assistant Postmaster General, temporarily acting as Postmaster General. Exigency: The previous Postmaster General Aaron Brown died in office. (BD)

APPENDIX B

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FEBRUARY 1809

SIR,

Washington Februy. 16th. 1809

I accept with gratefull feelings the recent mark of your friendship, and having taken the requisite steps for authorising my entering on the duties of my new office, I hereby resign the office of Secretary of the Department of War.—be pleased Sir to accept my most sincere thanks for the many obligations you have confered on me.

and believe to be with the highest respect & esteem your sincere friend.

H. DEARBORN

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FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON TO WAR DEPARTMENT, 17 FEBRUARY 1809

Whereas, by the resignation of Henry Dearborne, late Secretary at War, that office is become vacant. I therefore do hereby authorize John Smith, chief clerk of the office of the Department of War, to perform the duties of the said office, until a successor be appointed. Given under my hand at Washington this 17th. day of February 1809.

TH: JEFFERSON

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FEBRUARY 1809

SIR,

Feb: 17th. 1809

I have had the honor of receiving your commission to perform the duties of Secretary at War until a successor be appointed to General Dearborn late Secretary.—Permit me to express to you my gratitude for this evidence of your confidence, and to assure you that, while I regret that some one more competent had not received the commission, as far as I am capable its duties shall be faithfully executed

I have the honor to be, Sir, with perfect respect & esteem Your Ob. Sevt.

JNO. SMITH

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DEARBORN, Henry, (father of Henry Alexander Scammell Dearborn), a Representative from Massachusetts; born in North Hampton, N.H., February 23, 1751; attended the public schools; studied medicine; commenced practice in Nottingham Square in 1772; during the Revolutionary War was a captain in Stark's Regiment and participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill; accompanied Arnold's expedition to Canada and took part in the storming of Quebec; was taken prisoner, but was released on parole in May 1776; joined Washington's staff in 1781 as deputy quartermaster general with rank of colonel, and served at the siege of Yorktown; moved to Monmouth, Mass. (now Maine), in June 1784; elected brigadier general of militia in 1787 and made major general in 1789; appointed United States marshal for the district of Maine in 1789; elected as an Anti-Administration candidate from a Maine district of Massachusetts to the Third Congress and reelected as a Republican to the Fourth Congress (March 4, 1793-March 3, 1797); appointed Secretary of War by President Jefferson and served from March 4, 1801, to March 7, 1809; appointed collector of the port of Boston by President Madison in 1809, which position he held until January 27, 1812, when he was appointed senior major general in the United States Army; was in command at the capture of York (now Toronto) April 27, 1813, and Fort George May 27, 1813; recalled from the frontier July 6, 1813, and placed in command of the city of New York; appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Portugal by President Monroe and served from May 7, 1822, to June 30, 1824, when, by his own request, he was recalled; returned to Roxbury, Mass., where he died June 6, 1829; interment in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Mass.

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Henry Dearborn

HENRY DEARBORN was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, on 23 February 1751; studied medicine under Dr. Hall Jackson at Portsmouth; married Mary Bartlett, his first wife, in 1771; entered practice as a physician in 1772; was elected captain of a militia company; participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill, served under Benedict Arnold in the Quebec expedition and was captured, 1775; was paroled in 1776 and exchanged in 1777; was appointed major of the 3d New Hampshire Regiment; participated in operations at Ticonderoga and Freeman's Farm with the 1st New Hampshire Regiment; spent the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge; took part in the Battle of Monmouth, 1778; engaged in the 1779 operations against the Six Nations; married his second wife, Dorcas Marble, in 1780; joined Washington's staff as deputy quartermaster general; commanded the 1st New Hampshire at Yorktown in 1781; returned to private life in Maine, 1783; was appointed brigadier and major general of militia; was appointed U.S. Marshal for the District of Maine, 1790; served in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1793-1797; served as Secretary of War, 5 March 1801-7 March 1809; helped plan the removal of the Indians beyond the Mississippi; was appointed Collector of the Port of Boston, 1809; was appointed senior major general in the U.S. Army, 1812; was ineffective in command of the northeastern theater in the War of 1812; captured York (Toronto) and Fort George (Quebec) in 1813; was transferred to command in New York City in 1813; married his third wife, Sarah Bowdoin; was nominated and withdrawn for the post of Secretary of War; served as minister to Portugal, 1822-1824; died in Roxbury, Massachusetts, on 6 June 1829.

The Artist

Walter M. Brackett (1823-1919), the Boston artist, became actively engaged in Secretary of War Belknap's plans for an Army portrait gallery, and painted four of the secretary's earliest predecessors-Pickering, Dexter, Dearborn, and Eustis-in 1873. Only Daniel Huntington, Robert W. Weir, and Henry Ulke exceeded his output. Fittingly, his subjects were all residents of Massachusetts. His Pickering portrait is in the West Point collection.

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HENRY DEARBORN
Jefferson Administration
By Walter M. Brackett
Oil on canvas, 29" x 24", 1873

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FROM JAMES MADISON TO WILLIAM EUSTIS, 7 MARCH 1809

To William Eustis

SIR,

WASHINGTON March 7th. 1809

The enclosed commission will inform you that I have taken the liberty to nominate you to fill the Office of Secretary of War, vacated by the resignation of General Dearborn, and that the Senate have compleated the appointment. I transmit the Commission with a hope that I shall have the pleasure of learning that your Country will have the benefit of your services in that important station. I need not add, what your patriotism [*sic*] will suggest, that it is desirable, its duties should be entered upon with as little delay as may be consistent with the arrangements preparatory to your removal to the seat of Government. With very high respect I am Sir, your Obt Servt.

J. M

FC (DLC). In a clerk's hand.

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TO JAMES MADISON FROM WILLIAM EUSTIS, 18 MARCH 1809

From William Eustis

SIR,

BOSTON March (18th 1809.)

Being absent from town I did not (rec)ieve untill the evening of the 15th. your Letter of the 7th instant accompanied with a Commission of Secretary to the war department.¹ Impressed with a just sense of the honor conferred on me by this distinguished mark of your confidence, and by the very obliging manner in which it was communicated, I have delayed an answer no longer than was necessary to contemplate the importance and high responsibility of the station, the inadequacy of my own powers and the implied change in my occupation and habits of life. An apprehension that my health could not be preserved thro' a summer-residence at Washington presented itself as a principal objection. Trusting to the probability that the exigencies of the public service may render such a residence not indispensable I will come to the duties of the office with such means and talents as I possess and with the hope that in the course of their application there may arise no just cause for censure from the public and no regret on your part that the appointment has been thus bestowed.

In a very few days it is my intention to leave this place—to enquire into the state of the public works at N. York agreeably to an injunction conveyed to me by the Secretary of State and to proceed immediately to Washington. I am with every sentiment of true respect, your most obedient and most humble servant

WILLIAM EUSTIS.

RC (DLC). Docketed by JM, "recd. Mar 24."

¹. Eustis was confirmed as secretary of war on 7 Mar. 1809 (*Senate Exec. Proceedings*, 2:118, 120).

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