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## STATE REVENUES.

1862-1886.

State Revenues represent the tax imposed upon the citizens of the States of Alabama, California, Louisiana, Oregon and Nevada, by the State Governments, in addition to the regular tax of the United States Government. All are now obsolete.

The list is a description of what was contained in my private collection. There may be many others that are unknown to me, but I believe this to be the most complete list of State Revenues ever published, and their rarity is increasing every year.

Very respectfully,

E. B. STERLING.

## Alabama—State Revenues.

*Arms of State in centre.*

No.	Value.	Color.		Size.	Price.
1.	\$1 00	Vermillion.	Tax on Seals.....	Unperf.	26x32 \$3 00
2.	1 00	red.	Tax on Seals.....	Perf.	" " 50
3.	1 00	vermillion.	Tax on Seals.....	Rouletted.	26x32 2 00
4.	2 00	dark blue.	Tax on Seals.....	Perf.	28x32 5 00

## California—State Revenues.

*Figure of value in centre, with various surcharges, as J. J. G., R. W., G. O., &c\**

5.	4 ct.	Orange	.....	Unperf.	21x25 \$0 25
6.	4 "	yellow	.....	"	" " 50
7.	8 "	brown	.....	"	" " 50
8.	10 "	blue	.....	"	" " 05
9.	10 "	dark blue	.....	"	" " 05
10.	15 "	blue	.....	"	" " 05
11.	15 "	dark blue	.....	"	" " 05
12.	20 "	brown	.....	"	" " 15
13.	20 "	dark brown	.....	"	" " 15
14.	30 "	rose	.....	"	" " 15
15.	30 "	red	.....	"	" " 15
16.	30 "	carmine	.....	"	" " 15
17.	30 "	brown	.....	"	" " 50
18.	40 "	rose	.....	"	" " 25
19.	40 "	carmine	.....	"	" " 25
20.	50 "	carmine	.....	"	" " 50

## California—State Tax.

*Insurance. Circular. Red on bluish wove paper. Various surcharges.*

No.	Value.	Color.	Unperforate.	Size.	Price.
279.	4 ct.	Red on bluish paper.		26x26	\$3 50
280.	85 00	" " "	"	"	2 00

## California—State Tax.

*Insurance. Circular. Red on white wove paper. Various surcharges.*

No.	Value.	Color.	Unperforate.	Size.	Price.
281.	10 ct.	Red on white paper.		26x26	\$3 10
282.	15 "	" " "	"	"	10
283.	20 "	" " "	"	"	10
284.	30 "	" " "	"	"	15
285.	40 "	" " "	"	"	15
286.	50 "	" " "	"	"	15
287.	70 "	" " "	"	"	25
288.	\$1 00	" " "	"	"	15
289.	1 50	" " "	"	"	25
290.	2 00	" " "	"	"	15
291.	3 00	" " "	"	"	25
292.	4 00	" " "	"	"	25
293.	5 00	" " "	"	"	25
294.	7 00	" " "	"	"	75
295.	10 00	" " "	"	"	1 00

## California—State Tax.

*Insurance. Three months, six months, twelve months. Very large. Circular. Unperforate. Red on white wove, bluish wove and blue wove paper.*

No.	Value.	Color.	Unperforate.	Size.	Price.
296.	12½ ct.	Red on blue wove, 3 months.	Surcharged.	33x33	\$3 50
297.	25 "	" " " 3 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
298.	25 "	red on white wove, 3 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
299.	50 "	" " " 3 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
300.	\$1 25	" " " 3 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
301.	2 50	red on blue wove, 3 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
302.	10 ct.	" " " 6 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
303.	25 "	" " " 6 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
304.	50 "	red on white wove, 6 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
305.	\$1 00	red on blue wove, 6 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
306.	1 00	red on white wove, 6 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
307.	1 00	red on blue wove, 6 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
308.	2 50	red on white wove, 6 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
309.	2 50	red on blue wove, 6 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
310.	2 50	" " " 6 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
311.	15 ct.	" " " 9 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50

No.	Value.	Color.		Surcharged.	Size.	Price.
312.	15 ct.	Red on blue wove,	9 months.	G. W. W.	33x33	\$3 50
313.	15 "	" " "	12 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
314.	20 "	" " "	12 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
315.	20 "	" " "	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
316.	20 "	" " "	12 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
317.	20 "	rose on white wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
318.	20 "	deep red on blue wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
319.	50 "	red on blue wove,	12 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
320.	50 "	" " "	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
321.	50 "	red on white wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
322.	\$1 00	red on blue wove,	12 "	A. R. M.	"	3 50
323.	1 00	rose on white wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
324.	2 00	red on white wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50
325.	2 00	claret on blue wove,	12 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
326.	2 00	red on blue wove,	12 "	G. W. W.	"	3 50
327.	5 00	deep red on blue wove,	12 "	S. H. B.	"	3 50

### California—State Telegraph.

1871. *Date in central oval. Geo. H. Mumford, President. Perforate.*

328.	Black on white.	Date in red oval.	1871.	23x27	\$3 50
329.	Black on white.	Date in white oval.	1871.	"	3 50
329a.	Blue on white.	Date in red oval.	1871.	"	3 50
329b.	Black on white.	Date in white oval.	1871.	"	3 50
		Surcharged in blue.			
330.	Brown on white.	Date in green, white oval.	1875.	"	3 50

### Louisiana.

*Auditor. Lottery Stamps. Unperforate.*

331.	7½ ct.	Blue.	Square and compass in centre.	(G.)	23x30	\$3 50
332.	12½ "	"	" " "	"	"	3 50
333.	7½ "	green.	Pelican feeding her young.	"	"	3 00
334.	7½ "	light green.	" " "	"	"	3 00
335.	12½ "	dark green.	" " "	"	"	3 00

### Louisiana—Law Stamp.

*Portraits in centre of Governor Louis A. Wiltz and Chief Justice Bernudez.*

*Pelican feeding her young at base. Perforate.*

336.	5 ct.	Vermillion.	Head of Wiltz in centre.		25x30	\$0 15
337.	10 "	brown.	" " "	"	"	15
338.	25 "	green.	" " "	"	"	25
339.	50 "	blue.	" " "	"	"	50
340.	\$1 00	olive.	Head of Bernudez in centre.		"	50
341.	2 50	magenta.	" " "	"	"	1 00
342.	5 00	black.	" " "	"	"	2 00

## Nevada—State Revenue.

*Figure of value in centre.*

No.	Value.	Color.	Description.		Size.	Price.
343.	2 ct.	Orange.	Single star.	Unperforate.	22x28	\$0 25
344.	2 "	"	double star.	"	"	25
345.	4 "	carmine.	"	"	"	25
346.	5 "	green.	"	"	"	25
347.	5 "	dark green.	"	"	"	25
348.	5 "	pale green.	"	"	"	25
349.	10 "	blue.	"	"	"	25
350.	10 "	dark blue.	"	"	"	25
351.	25 "	red.	"	"	"	50
352.	25 "	vermillion.	"	"	"	50
353.	50 "	puce brown.	"	"	"	50
354.	\$1 00	crimson.	"	"	"	75
355.	1 00	carmine.	"	"	"	75
356.	5 00	brown.	"	"	"	1 50
357.	10 00	purple.	"	"	"	3 50
358.	20 00	puce.	"	"	"	8 00

## Nevada—State Revenue.

*Figure of value in centre.*

359.	2 ct.	Orange.	Single star.	Rouletted.	25x30	\$0 25
360.	2 "	"	double star.	"	23x30	25
361.	5 "	green.	"	"	24x30	50
362.	25 "	carmine.	"	"	25x30	75
363.	25 "	red.	"	"	"	75
364.	50 "	puce brown.	"	"	23x30	1 00
365.	50 "	purple.	"	"	"	1 00
366.	\$1 00	crimson.	"	"	"	75

## Oregon—State Tax.

*Insurance. Spread Eagle surmounting Coat-of-Arms of State.*

367.	10 ct.	Puce.	Shield at right.	Serrated.	27x50	\$1 00
368.	10 "	puce brown.	"	Unperforate.	"	1 00
369.	50 "	blue.	"	"	"	1 00
370.	50 "	dark blue.	"	"	"	1 00
371.	\$1 00	crimson.	"	"	"	1 00
372.	10 ct.	green.	"	Perforate.	"	1 00
373.	10 "	puce brown.	"	"	"	1 00
374.	20 "	blue.	"	"	"	1 00
375.	20 "	green.	Shield at left.	"	"	1 00
376.	20 "	dark green.	"	"	"	1 00

No.	Value.	Color.	Description.	Perforate.	Size.	Price.
377.	50 ct.	Brown.	Shield at right.	Perforate.	27x50	\$1 00
378.	50 "	blue.	" (Very coarse impression.)	"	"	1 00
379.	\$1 00	crimson.	Shield at right.	"	"	1 00
380.	1 00	red.	"	"	"	1 00

## CALIFORNIA ODDITIES.

*Unsevered pairs, &c.*

381.	50 ct.	Carmine.	Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps, top and bottom.		21x56	\$1 00
382.	50 "	carmine.	Unperforate. Unsevered in three stamps, top and bottom.		20x83	2 00
383.	50 "	lemon.	Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps, top and bottom.		21x55	1 00
384.	50 "	yellow.	Unperforate. Unsevered in three stamps, top and bottom.		19x81	2 00
385.	\$1 00	yellow.	Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps, top and bottom.		21x58	1 00
386.	1 00	yellow.	Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps at sides.		50x25	1 00

## NEVADA AND OREGON ODDITIES.

*In unsevered pairs, perforations, &c.*

387.	5 ct.	Green.	Nevada. Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps, top and bottom.		24x29	\$1 00
388.	5 "	brown.	Nevada. Unperforate. Unsevered in two stamps, top and bottom.		24x29	1 00
389.	50 "	brown.	Oregon. Perforate. Showing perforations from top to bottom, down centre of stamp.		28x53	2 50

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Lock Seal.....	6
Brass Cotton.....	5
Private Dies, undelivered.....	53
Total varieties.....	4191



## TO THE STAMP-COLLECTING PUBLIC.

I THINK all collectors will be well repaid for the great delay caused by the compiler of this work in getting out his book, which was advertised to appear in October, 1887, from the fact that the list was originally intended to cover only about two thousand varieties in United States Revenues, while the actual number included up to date (April 3d, 1888,) is four thousand one hundred and ninety-one varieties—more than double the number that it was intended should be included in this edition—and all without extra cost to the public.

It has been a work that required late hours, and few collectors can imagine the amount of labor bestowed and time expended in compiling this, my greatest effort in the catalogue line. If it proves as satisfactory to collectors as my fourth edition, I will feel repaid for the effort.

I have no doubt that errors will be found that I have not noticed, and shall be glad to have them pointed out to me, with a view of correction in my next issue..

Very respectfully,

E. B. STERLING.

TRENTON, N. J., April 3d, 1888.

