these complicated duties, in a manner which was satisfactory to Congress and to the ~~Nation~~ Community, and that no subsequent examination, has impaired the accuracy of the representations which were then made or the propriety & fitness of the System, by which the ~~business~~ affairs of the Nation ~~was~~ were conducted, and which though they have since been greatly amplified, by the accessions of new States & Territories, they are still ~~governed~~ by the ~~remain on the Basis~~ principles upon which they were first placed.

On the retirement of ~~the first~~ Secretary Hamilton, from Secretary of the Treasury, I was appointed, on the 2d of February 1795. to be his Successor. Under a Commission received from President Washington, without solicitation, I discharged the duties of that Office, acceptably to him. On the accession of President Adams in March 1797. supposing it possible that some other person might be preferred, I offered to retire from Office.

By an act of Congress passed in 1792. it was directed that that all purchases and Contracts for supplying the army with Provisions, Clothing, Military & Quarter Master Stores & Indian Goods and generally all other supplies or should be made under the direction of the Treasury Department. In March 1794, a Naval Armament was first authorized, to repress Algerine Depredations, but ~~the~~ all proceedings, were ~~directed to be~~ ~~[illegible]~~ directed to be discontinued, ~~if~~ whenever a peace with that Regency, should be established. In consequence of the accumulation of duties in the Treasury Department, the Office of Purveyor was established in July 1795.

1st Surveyor General constituted May 1796.