official transactions. My original warrants and letters after a full and impartial investigation, which continued until the 28th of January 1801, the committee reported it as their opinion "that the system of the Treasury Department had been "conducted with regularity, fidelity, and a regard to "economy. That the disbursement of money had been "always made pursuant to law; that every attention "consistent with the magnitude and nature of "the business had been attended, in removing "delinquents from office; in compelling them to "account; - in securing monies due from them "and in preventing an improper and unreasonable "accumulation of monies in the hands of "public Agents. - That the loans which had been "on account "of Government, have been procured on the "most advantageous terms for the public. That "the most eligible modes of remittance to "Europe had been chosen; and generally, that "the financial concerns of the Country had been "left in a State of good order & prosperity."

The Principles which governed the administration of President Washington, are perspicuously detailed in the final address to the People, which he personally prepared and which passed through my hands, to and from General Hamilton. The leading objects were to establish the boundaries of federal and State jurisdictions; and to organize the different Departments and Offices of the General Government. The Administration of President Adams, was at the first session of Congress, in May 1797, publickly avowed to be a sequence to the policy which had governed his Predecessor. His policy was aided by the magnanimous consent to serve and to command the Army, which was raised to repel the Menaces of Revolutionary France.