



THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

WASHINGTON

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have just come into the possession of a book by Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury from May 4, 1801, to February 9, 1814, which I believe should be in the library or files of the Treasury Department. It was printed by William A. Davis, No. 438 Pearl Street, New York, in 1796, and the title is "Sketch of the Finances of the United States".

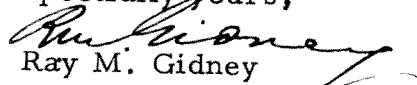
This book was given to me by my friend and former associate at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Lyon Boston. He has sketched the ownership of the book from the time of its publication as follows:

"It was given by Albert Gallatin to Alexander Hamilton, presumably at the time of publication. When Alexander Hamilton died, his son, Colonel Alexander Hamilton, inherited his father's library. Colonel Hamilton was a law partner of my great grandfather, Seymour Edward Lyon. When Colonel Hamilton died, he left his law library, including this book, to my great grandfather. Then it was left by my great grandfather to one of his daughters, Sinclaire Lyon, my great aunt, who in turn left it to me."

Mr. Lyon was generous in giving me the book with the thought that it should come into the ownership and possession of the Treasury Department. I take pleasure in placing it in your hands.

Honorable Robert B. Anderson  
The Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

  
Ray M. Gidney