

March 24th, 1841.

Sir: The annexed copy of a circular from the Secretary of War, is, by his direction, sent to you for your information and government.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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[CIRCULAR.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, March 23, 1841.

SIR: The President has thought proper to announce that he will regard all partisan or active interference in elections, and the contribution of any assessment on salaries or official emoluments for party purposes, by officers or agents under the control of the Federal Government, an abuse which he will correct by removal from office.

The President also desires it to be understood that punctuality in rendering accounts and paying over balances, by all collecting and disbursing officers, will be rigorously enforced.

A careful observance of the principles and line of conduct thus marked out and enjoined by the President, is earnestly recommended by this department to all officers and agents in any manner subject to its direction.

For fuller information a copy of the original circular, issued from the Department of State by direction of the President, is annexed.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PELL
Secretary