

Michael Nourse

(1778 – 6 Dec 1860)

Nourse. On the morning of the 6th instant, in the 83d year of his age, Col. Michael Nourse. The friends of the family are requested to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 461, Thirteenth st. on Saturday next at 1 o'clock.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The memorial of Michael Nourse respectfully sheweth: That during the last twenty-four years, while acting as chief clerk in the office of the Register of the Treasury, he was occasionally appointed by the President to take charge of the office and perform the duties of Register, which he accordingly did; that at two periods he held the appointment of Register ad interim, and the salary of Register was paid to him; at all other times he received only the salary of \$1,700 as chief clerk. (See Paper A.)

And your memorialist further shows, that during the same period he acted, also, by appointment from the Secretary of the Treasury, at his own risk and responsibility, as disbursing agent to the amount exhibited in Paper B.

For these several services he asks a reasonable compensation, which he is encouraged to hope will be readily granted, in consideration of the fact that officers of the government have, probably without exception, when filling two offices, received the larger salary; and also because clerks now at a salary of \$1,800 are allowed \$200 per annum as disbursing agents whenever so employed in the executive departments of the government, as authorized by the act of Congress of March 3, 1853.

All which is respectfully submitted.

MICHAEL NOURSE.

Washington, December 29, 1853.