

The per diem of the members and officers of the General Assembly therein mentioned, aggregates but \$79,605, the difference between this sum and the amount of \$150,000 passed by the General Assembly representing the sum necessary, in the judgment of the Legislature of 1906, to pay the "postage, stationery, mileage and miscellaneous expenses" of your present session.

His Excellency, Edwin Warfield, exercising the authority vested in him by law, approved said Act with the following qualification: "Approved except as to the item in the expenses for the Legislature for 1908, reading as follows: 'And for the above expenses of the Legislature the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated.' This item is disapproved."

There is, therefore, no appropriation for the present session covering "postage, stationery, mileage and miscellaneous expenses," not even for the members and officers therein mentioned, nor can this Department honor any orders of the Committee on Claims for any sums save and except the per diem of the members and officers therein specifically designated, unless your Honorable Bodies shall have first passed an Act providing therefor, which Act must receive the Governor's approval.

CONCLUSION.

As before noted in these remarks the demands upon the Treasury have increased greater proportionately than its revenues. The maintenance of the State Government is largely in excess of a few years ago, and necessarily so. The advanced position taken by the State in erecting new buildings of the most modern type for the care of its insane and feeble-minded, with their increased cost of maintenance, its liberal policy towards hospitals and institutions of learning, its policy of good roads, have of necessity increased the State's burden, which is now being felt, so that at the time of the writing of these remarks, there is to the credit of the State, exclusive of dedicated funds, less than \$200,000, with demands in excess of this amount. I am sure you do not desire the State to recede from this position of justice and liberality in caring for its own. How, therefore, can all this be accomplished if the appropriations to other interests shall be too liberal? We have advanced sufficiently