

Of the amount handed over to the Librarian, by his predecessor in office, of \$888.41, he has expended the sum of \$589.-20, leaving a balance to the credit of said fund, of \$299.21. From this amount of \$299.21, there is yet to be deducted the sum of \$111.00, for preparing and publishing the supplemental catalogue, which your committee have directed to be paid.

Of the sum of \$3,000.00, appropriated for the furnishing of stationery, &c., for the various State Departments, the Librarian has expended the sum of \$2,964.98, leaving in his hands a balance of \$35.02. Owing to the high price of paper and stationery of every kind, this sum is not sufficient to furnish the stationery that may be required for the remainder of the present session. The Librarian has already contracted bills to the amount of \$501.33, and estimates that it will require the sum of \$700, in addition to an appropriation of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is therefore recommended, to meet this deficiency.

We recommend also, an appropriation of \$732.03, to pay for the copies of the Maryland Constitution, the Code and its supplement, purchased by the Librarian, in pursuance of an order of this House.

The augmentation fund of \$500, annually appropriated, was, last session, inadvertently omitted for the past year. This sum is wholly inadequate for the purpose intended. A Library fostered by the State, should receive a liberal support, sufficient at least, to keep up with the progress of the age.

The Library is deficient in many valuable Law books, very desirable for the use of the Court of Appeals and members of the profession from all parts of the State. We recommend a special appropriation of \$2,000.00, to supply this deficiency, to be expended under the direction of the Court of Appeals, and an annual appropriation of \$1,000, (instead \$500, as heretofore,) to be expended under the direction of the Librarian.

In relation to the repairs needed to prevent the dampness of the walls in the second and third tiers of the Library, alluded to in the report of the Librarian, and also in the communication from the President and Speaker of the last Senate and House of Delegates, referred to your committee, we respectfully recommend an appropriation of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to make the requisite repairs, to protect the books and finish the Alcoves and Closets; said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Librarian.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to state, that the