

R E P O R T.

The Committees of the General Assembly on the State Library, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Librarian, for the years 1848 and 1849, with the vouchers, and found them to agree.

They likewise report that the two years' appropriations, with the moneys, arising from the sale of surplus books, have been judiciously expended.

Accompanying this is the Librarian's report of his transactions, for the last two years, the printing of which is expedient for the information of the Legislature.

Annexed to this report, is a letter from Alexandre Vattemare, Esq., accompanied by a list of the Works, he has furnished the Library; in the prosecution of his system of international exchanges. Ample authority already exists for the reciprocation of these donations. It only remains for the committees of the two Houses on the Library, to designate the works to be sent in exchange; which in due time will be done.

By reference to the Librarian's report, it will be seen that the propriety of preparing, and having printed a new catalogue of books, &c., is suggested.

The committees, sensible of the expediency of such a catalogue, submit a resolution authorising the same to be prepared and printed. The same resolution authorises the Librarian to index such of the Public Documents, as may in the judgment of the committees on the Library, require indexes. The committees have incorporated this authority in the resolution, in the belief that Public Documents, in the Library, at present, without indexes, very much require them.

Annexed to the Librarian's report, is a list of the names of certain Literary and Scientific Associations of Great Britain, to which it is suggested, it is expedient to furnish such of the surplus Histories, Public Documents, &c., in the Library, as the committees of the two Houses, in their judgment, may designate; the donations to be accompanied by a request that they be reciprocated. It is believed that, by this means, the Library may be enriched by the procurement of valuable works, which cannot be purchased. The committees report a resolution, asking authority to make such designation.