

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
June 7

Your committee have likewise examined the state of the commissarys office, and find, that the records from the year 1764, to the books now in use, are marked "examined"; and by comparing them with the originals, they appear very correct. But we find, there are very few of the Records of wills &c.^a preceding that date, marked "examined," and that such as are, appear to have been done by very careless hands; for, in comparing them with the originals, we find very material errors; and are informed by M.^r Valette, the present register, that in the course of his business in the said office, he has observed those records are generally incorrect; so much so, that in making copies he is frequently obliged to have recourse to the original papers. We find a bundle, containing thirty five accounts exhibited in 1759 and 1760 not yet recorded. The general alphabet for wills, in this office, remains in the same state as was reported in the year 1766; and the alphabets in general, belonging to the several books, which are not entered in the general alphabet, are much in pieces and defaced; and many books, which contain wills, have leaves entirely loose, and some of them much defaced. That there are several books containing wills, which require binding. The original papers in this office appear to be well taken care of

Your committee have also examined the state of the secretarys office and find that the land records and the several acts of assembly are recorded and examined to the present time, and that the judgments are entered up to the year 1764 inclusive, except a small part of October term 1755, and October Term 1756; and that there is no alphabet to liber G. S. N.^o 1 which contains judgments

Your committee have also examined the state of the assembly office, and find that the books and papers lie in the greatest confusion. The proceedings are all entered up to the end of May session 1766, but appear to have been recorded by persons who wrote bad and incorrect hands; and your committee beg leave to annex a list of books in the said offices added since the last report. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honorable house

Sign'd p order John Duckett Cl: Com

A List of books in the Land office

	Liber B. C. and G. S. N. ^o 28	} Patents.
	ditto ditto 29	
	ditto ditto 31	
	ditto ditto 32	
	ditto ditto 33	} Certificates
	ditto ditto 30	
	ditto ditto 34	} Warrants & assignments
	Liber W. S. 7	
	ditto ditto 8	

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