

Attention was called to an order passed last May, requesting the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to furnish a statement of the receipts and expenses of his office from 1860 to 1866, and to which, it was alleged, "*the Clerk had as yet made no response.*"

This allegation, though no doubt believed to be correct by the honorable gentleman who made it, in Convention, certainly does not accord with the facts of the case. The printed proceedings of your Convention show that the report was made more than a month ago. It was read in Convention, and referred to the Judiciary Committee, of which you are the Chairman.

I do not wish to be placed in the position of having refused compliance with the orders of this Convention. To furnish the information desired by its three orders on this office, a careful and thorough examination of dockets, papers and records throughout a period of many years, became actually necessary. The work consumed my own time, and the time of a clerk, for more than a month, much to the delay of regular office business. Still it was performed, and the information furnished without hesitation.

And not only have I complied with the orders of Convention, but in all sincerity, I can say, whenever called upon by any member of the Convention for statistical information calculated to facilitate the work of remodeling the Constitution, I have, as far as was in my power, furnished it with the utmost promptness and cordiality.

I trust, therefore, I am not trespassing too much on your good services, when I ask the favor of you to correct the misstatement above referred to, and which has been made public through the proceedings of the Convention.

Sincerely and truly yours,

GEORGE EARLE.

See Journal, page 323 ;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Rider,

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Convention adjourned.