

patch of its business, and to fix the compensation of its president and officers.

Without discussing the question as to whether the Convention is authorized by this Act to establish rates of mileage for its members and officers; the Committee are of opinion, that the rates established by an old Act of Assembly which have not been departed from at any general session of the Legislature, or in the cases of the two Conventions which have been held since the year 1850, to the present time, are the proper rates of mileage to be allowed and paid to the members and officers of this Convention.

This table of rates may go back far beyond the year 1850; the Committee did not inspect the journal of accounts beyond that time, regarding a practice of seventeen years as a safe precedent for their action.

The Speakers of the House of Delegates of the sessions of 1866 and 1867 received an allowance of ten dollars per diem. The Committee recommend that the same rate of compensation be allowed to the President of this Convention, and that the Secretary and Assistant Secretary be each allowed the sum of eight dollars per diem for their services, and the same allowance for mileage as is received by the members of the Convention; and they further recommend that the per diem and mileage of the other officers of the Convention be the same as is received by the members.

In view of the very liberal recommendations which the Committee have thought proper to make in behalf of the officers, they trust that the Convention will not hereafter entertain any proposition for extra compensation.

The Committee also recommend that the President have power to appoint a Revising Clerk, chosen with special reference to his capacity and fitness for the office, whose duty it shall be to revise, arrange and engross, as the same shall be passed by the Convention, the Articles and Sections of the New Constitution; and also, shall keep the said record at all times open for the inspection and information of the members of the Convention. It shall also be his duty to revise the printing of the Journal of Proceedings and reports of committees, so as to insure correctness, and to make an index of the same.

The Committee are also of the opinion that the services of two additional folders are required, and they recommend that the President have power to appoint them. The work in the folding room is now much behind hand, and it does not appear to be possible to keep it up with the force now employed.

The title Committee on Claims, does not seem to be appro-