

heretofore appointed, the following only be and are hereby retained, that is to say, John W. Rider, Geo. S. King, Samuel Peacock and Joseph Morritz.

J. SAPPINGTON, Ch'n.

Which was read.

Mr. Crisfield, from the minority of said committee, submitted the following

REPORT:

The undersigned a member of the committee to whom was referred the enquiry, "whether or not it would be expedient to discharge some of the doorkeepers and committee clerks," begs leave to report that he finds there are three doorkeepers; two for the Hall of the Convention, and one for the Senate Chamber, which is daily used for the accommodation of the members of the Convention and its committees. He is of opinion, that two doorkeepers are necessary for the Hall, and that as long as the Senate Chamber is used as it has been during the whole of the session, a doorkeeper for that apartment is absolutely necessary, for the protection of the public property, and for the accommodation of the committees and members of the Convention. The undersigned therefore, thinks it would not be expedient to discharge any of the doorkeepers.

The undersigned finds that there are in the employment of the Convention a Post Master, and seven committee clerks, one of whom performs the duties of clerk to the President, as well as those of clerk of the Committee on Accounts, and keeps all the accounts of the Convention. His services are indispensable in the opinion of the undersigned.

The labor to be performed by the committee clerks of the Convention, has not been great or arduous at any time; and it might well be doubted whether the number originally employed was not greater than was necessary; but, however, that may have been, it is certainly true, the labor for which committee clerks are necessary is now over, or nearly performed. The undersigned is of opinion, that there is not now, and it is not likely there will be during the residue of the session, labor sufficient to employ more than one-half of the present number of committee clerks. He is therefore of opinion, that the public business would not be injured by dispensing with the services of three of the present clerks. The undersigned, however, wishes it to be distinctly understood, that in announcing this opinion, he does not intend to depreciate the characters and services of these officers, as far as he knows or has been informed, each of the clerks of this body has faithfully performed every service which has been required of them. The undersigned thinks a portion of them may be dispensed with, not because they are incompetent or unfaithful, but because their services are unnecessary.

The undersigned thinks it no part of the duty of the committee