

States and Territories :

To enveloping forty packages	\$12 00	
To portorage.....	3 00	
To express on packages.....	60 00	
		75 00
Whole amount.....	\$191 50	

This will show that the appropriation will not pay the expenses by \$41.50. Any librarian will certify that this is not a high estimate.

August 4, 1864.

H. P. JORDAN,
State Librarian.

The PRESIDENT. The president has stated before that he has never presented the treasury department with any statement of this freight. The comptrollers under the present constitution have uniformly paid this upon the draft of the Librarian. It has been examined into by the legislature, and being a specific appropriation I had no right to go behind the draft that was drawn. I do not know whether in the last legislature this estimate was submitted to any committee on claims.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. It was reported by the committee on ways and means.

The PRESIDENT. It is generally submitted to the committee on claims before it goes to the committee on ways and means. Whether there was a distinct detailed statement of expense submitted I know not. When I remarked the other day that it was exclusively freights on boxes, I did not suppose that the freights on these boxes would amount to the sum of \$225; I supposed that it did not amount to more than \$20 or \$30. Of this I had no knowledge. Not desiring to do the librarian injustice, I have caused the letter to be read that members of the convention may know how to act in the premises.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The fourth section was read as amended, as follows:

Section 4. The county authorities, now known as county commissioners, shall be styled "county commissioners," and shall be elected by general ticket, and not by districts, by the voters of the several counties, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the year 1865, and on the same day in every second year thereafter; said commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties only as the legislature may from time to time prescribe; but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State, and the legislature shall have power to pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, fixing the salary, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties and tenure of office of said commissioners;

and the commissioners elected under this constitution shall have and exercise all the power and duties in their respective counties, now exercised by the county commissioners under the laws of the State, and they shall receive the same salary, and their present number in the several counties shall remain the same until changed by law.

Mr. SCOTT moved to amend by striking out the words "county authorities now known as county commissioners shall be styled," and also the words "and not by districts," in line three.

Mr. CLARKE. The phraseology here is taken from the present constitution.

Mr. SCOTT. I suppose the reason of the language in the present constitution was adopted because they had formerly been known by other names; but they are now well enough known as county commissioners to be designated as such.

The amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being offered, and the second reading of the report having been concluded,

It was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS.

On motion of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE,

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on the rights, duties, divisions, and subdivisions of counties.

The first section was read as follows:

Sec. 1. The general assembly shall provide for organizing new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be organized without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits about to form said county, nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles, nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants, nor shall any county be reduced below that amount of square miles, nor below that number of white inhabitants.

Mr. DUVALL moved to amend by inserting in line five, after the word "limits," the words "of the counties."

Mr. SANDS. I am very much opposed to that amendment, because it takes from the people wholly and solely interested in the change, the right to decide whether it shall be made or not, and leaves it to those who are not interested in the change to decide the question. By way of exemplification, you are familiar no doubt with that noble little stream upon which our great commercial emporium stands—the Patapsco. You know that it divides the people of Baltimore county from us merely politically, who are in fact one and the same people. We have located at Elicott's Mills public buildings that cost Howard county \$50,000. Baltimore county is very large. People are residing within