

An extra appropriation of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, as recommended by the Court of Appeals two years ago, for the purpose of purchasing the English Reports complete, with the usual annual appropriation of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, would soon bring our Library up to be among the very first in the country.

#### REPAIRS.

The interior of the Library needs painting very much. A new carpet for the Library is indispensable. The roof of the Library is in bad condition and has been leaking ever since I have been in office. I have paid time and again bills to persons for repairing it, and still it is imperfect.

#### CATALOGUE.

Allow me to invite your attention to the Catalogue of the Library. It really does dishonor to the Library. I have prepared the Supplemental Catalogue on a plan to which I would ask your attention. A new Catalogue is greatly needed.

#### STATIONERY.

I advertized, according to law, for proposals for stationery for the General Assembly. The Hon. George Earle, clerk of the Court of Appeals, very kindly assisted me in examining the bids and samples; and I gave the contract to the lowest bidder for the best articles. We have purchased the very best articles of stationery made in this country, and on better terms than for several years past.

The appropriation of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars has been expended in laying in a supply for the General Assembly, and as much more will probably be required to keep up the supply during the present session.

It will give me great pleasure, gentlemen, to receive any advice and instruction you may give, and to the very best of my ability cordially to comply with any requests you may make.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect, your humble servant,

H. P. JORDAN,

State Librarian.