

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following from the Librarian.

To the Committee on the Library :

GENTLEMEN : I have but little to communicate to you and the General Assembly through you, as but one year has elapsed since it was my pleasure to report fully to the Committee on the Library, and make such recommendations as in my humble judgment the Library required.

AUGMENTATION.

The last General Assembly made an appropriation of but \$400 instead of \$1,000, as had been previously appropriated to augment the Library, and that to be expended by a "joint committee of the two Houses," which committee was never appointed, and therefore we have virtually had no augmentation fund during the year.

I have purchased no books during the year except a few at the request of members of the General Assembly while that Body was still in session ; and the English Reports, to which the State has been a regular subscriber for many years before I came into office, also six copies of Evans' Practice, which had been subscribed for before the last session of the General Assembly. There are bills now due for books to Cushings & Bailey, of Baltimore and T. and J. W. Johnson & Company, of Philadelphia, which, if the committee direct, I will pay immediately.

I have kept up the Library to the very best of my ability by exchanges.

I have made no supplemental catalogue in view of the fact that we have purchased no new books, and but one year has elapsed since I prepared a supplemental catalogue.

STATIONERY.

There was no appropriation made at the last General Assembly for stationery for the General Assembly.

I advertised according to law for proposals, and awarded the contract to the lowest bidders. We have purchased the best articles of stationery in the country and at prices more favorably than at any time for many years. The bills, so far, are herewith presented, and will be presented to the Committee on Claims for their action.

CONTINGENT FUND.

The contingent fund has been expended in the most economical manner, and after paying the usual expenses of the office and the *extra expenses of freight* and express charges