

*Senate Officials.*

Your Committee would recommend for the consideration of the Senate a reduction in expenses by dispensing in future sessions with a portion of their officers. There are now sixteen officers belonging to the Senate, and experience has proved that nearly all of them are necessary to a proper conduct and discharge of its business. The Senate can, however, without detriment, readily dispense with assistant postmaster, one committee clerk, and one folder, the remaining officers in their several departments being fully adequate to the performance of all the duties required of them.

ISAAC M. DENSON,

*Chairman.*

*To the Hon. Messrs. Denson, Clarke, Earle, Spates, and Walsh—Committee on Retrenchment:*

SIRS:—At the request of the Chairman of your committee, I take pleasure in giving you a statement of the appropriations and expenditures of the Library.

The salary of the Librarian, as fixed by the Constitution, is \$1,500.

The library contingent fund, which includes the expenses of postage, portage and freight of stationery for the use of the office of menial service, and assistance of advertising and printing, and other incidental expenses, is \$1,500, (see Art. 1867, chap. 302.) Six hundred dollars of the contingent fund is paid to the Assistant Librarian, in accordance with section 19, of Article 55, Code of Public General Laws, leaving the sum of \$900 only for the purpose therein otherwise named.

There is allowed to the Assistant Librarian \$400 by special appropriation, which expires with the present year.

There is an appropriation of \$500 per annum for stationery for Departments.

The augmentation fund for a number of years past has been \$1,000 per annum, until last year it was cut down to \$400. I assure you, gentlemen, that the \$1000 was not enough to keep up the State Library, and I respectfully refer you, on this point, to the Honorable Judges of the Court of Appeals.

In my humble judgment, all these appropriations have been put down to the lowest figure, which the experience of many years has proven to be only sufficient for the purposes named. I would recommend especially the increase of the augmentation fund; it is impossible to keep up a State Library on less than \$1,000 per annum.

I think I have named all the items of expenditure connected with the Library.