

Mr. Spates offered the following order :

Ordered by the Senate, That five dollars per day be allowed to all employees of the Senate from the commencement of this session, except in the cases of the Secretary, the Reading Clerk and Journal Clerk and in the case of John Williams, in which cases an order has heretofore been passed, and in the case of the Sergeant-of-Arms. His allowance shall be ten dollars per day ; this amount to be in full payment of all demands for pay and services tendered to this Senate for traveling expenses in summoning witness, &c. to testify before the committee appointed by the Senate to investigate bribery, &c. The Committee on Claims are hereby authorized and requested to issue certificates to said employees, in accordance with this order.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lee submitted the following report :

The Committee appointed by the Senate to inquire into corrupt practices to influence legislation at the last session of the General Assembly, submit the following report :

They have summoned to appear as witnesses before them all persons who were reported to have knowledge of the matter. A full and exact report of their testimony is hereto annexed.

The Committee being informed that a Committee of Congress appointed to inquire into the affairs of the State of Maryland had made some discoveries in this matter, applied to the Hon. Francis Thomas, a Representative from Maryland, for a copy of the evidence. It was promptly furnished and is hereto annexed.

Referring to the reports of the testimony for the full details, the Committee report the principal matters of fact.

The city government of Baltimore was in the hands of the Radicals. A bill was brought into the General Assembly to provide for a new charter election in the city. The office-holders concerted means to prevent the election. One of them testified that they "did not feel like going out of office if they could help it." They raised \$10,000 to defeat the bill. How that money was applied the Committee have not been able to ascertain. It was confided to Mr. William Thompson, the Sheriff of the city. His testimony is that he had no occasion to use it to defeat the bill, that the bill failed "on other grounds;" and he kept the money for himself. Mayor Chapman testified before the Committee of Congress that the money was "raised to buy up a sufficient number of members of the Legislature to defeat the mea-