

a list of the Clerks regularly employed by him in the year 1873, with their names, and the amount of compensation actually paid them; also, a statement showing the amount of printing done by his order during said year, by whom done, and the actual amount paid therefor; also, a statement of the temporary clerical assistance employed by him during said year, with the names of parties employed as temporary Clerks, and the amount actually paid for their services; also, the amount actually expended by him as travelling expenses during said year, in performance of the duties imposed on him by law," which was by a vote of the House laid on the table.

*And whereas*, The Comptroller is anxious and has requested that a full investigation shall be made as to every item of the expenditure in regard to said office; therefore,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Ways and Means be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into all the expenditures of the Comptroller's Office, in regard to Clerks and all other expenses, and that they especially inquire into the expenditures on account of the contingent fund, and every item thereof, and that they report to this House within ten days from this date.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lamar submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That Mr. Williams, of Caroline, be granted leave of absence until Tuesday, the 23rd, on account of urgent business.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bird submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That Mr. John Turner be excused from attendance on this House, until Wednesday, February 24th.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lee,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty-three, of the Acts of 1868, amending the charter of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill to carry into effect an Act passed January session, 1872, chapter 207.

On motion of Mr. Vanderford,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Elections to introduce a bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 9 and 10 of