

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,” respectfully report, that they have investigated the expenses of the Comptroller’s Office in regard to clerks and other expenses, in compliance with the above order, and have appended hereto a statement, showing the same in detail. They find that since the year 1866, the salary of one of the assistant clerks has been raised, by law, from one thousand dollars to twelve hundred dollars, and the salary of the chief clerk has been raised from fifteen hundred dollars to sixteen hundred dollars, and an additional clerk has been authorized, by Act of Assembly, at a salary of \$1,200, making in all fifteen hundred dollars increase of salaries since the year 1866. Your Committee find that the amounts expended for salaries and otherwise have been expended strictly in accordance with law. The amount for travelling expenses the Committee believe to have been judiciously and properly expended, and that the State has derived a large return for the expenditure. Your Committee report that the Contingent Fund has been judiciously and economically used, and that a large balance of said fund is unexpended for the years 1872 and 1873, as will appear by the statement hereto annexed.*

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