

mary disposal of the subject, presents the following minority report, being compelled to dissent from the majority for reasons hereinafter mentioned.

According to that Section of the order immediately under consideration, the Committee was required to "examine into, and fully and searchingly inquire into the accounts and disbursements of the Treasury Department, and the various departments and officers doing business therewith, and ascertain whether the expenditures and disbursements of said officers and departments have been made in conformity with law."

With the statement, in the report of the majority, that the books of the Comptroller are kept correctly, the minority will agree.

The Comptroller should issue no warrant upon the Treasurer, unless authorized by law.

The respective entries upon the books of the Comptroller, should state the order upon which his warrant upon the Treasurer is based.

This being the character of the respective entries upon the books of the Comptroller, it is clear that no discrepancy, inaccuracy or improper disbursement of money could be detected, unless the Committee examined separately the different orders upon the Comptroller, which the Committee failed to do. The minority desired the majority to examine all orders upon the Comptroller, to ascertain whether or not all disbursements "have been made in conformity with law," as was expressly required by the order of your Honorable Body.

The minority called the attention of the majority to the necessity of a thorough examination of the various Acts of Assembly and orders upon the Comptroller, upon which he issued his warrant, as being the only way possible by which the Committee could arrive at a positive and certain knowledge as to whether or not the disbursements made by the Comptroller "have been in conformity with law," this being the principal object of the investigation ordered by the House. To this proposition of the minority it was the pleasure of the majority to disagree, declaring that it was unnecessary, and that such an examination was not in the province of duty imposed upon the Committee. In consequence of this partial and defective examination, the minority is compelled to consider the report of the majority, as presented to your Honorable Body, as not based upon such a full and searching in-