

do so, and uniformly found them to be kept strictly according to law.

Your Committee would not have considered it necessary to have examined all the warrants for expenditures, as no charge of any improper expenditure has been made, but the Comptroller insisted that for his protection, they should go over the entries and warrants *seriatim* and examine into the legality and propriety of them all.

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting to the Legislature that they do not think it possible that the business of the Treasury Department could be conducted with more scrupulous watchfulness, or more exactly in conformity with the Constitution and laws, than is done by the present officers.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. HEPBRON, Chairman,
JOHN CARROLL WALSH,
JAMES FENNER LEE,
A. P. GORMAN,

On the part of the Senate.

D. W. SNOWDEN, Chairman
FETTER S. HOBLITZELL,
W. H. NEAL,
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IGN. E. MATTINGLY,

On the part of the House.

Which was adopted.

Also, by Mr. Hepbron, from same Committee :

REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Senate and
House of Delegates of Maryland :*

The undersigned, the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed under by virtue of Article 3, Section 24, of the Constitution, and to whom was referred, among other matters, the following order, adopted in the House of Delegates, January, 18th, 1876, to wit : "And be it further ordered, That said Committee also inquire whether the charges made in the Republican press during the past campaign, that a public officer of this State, attempted heretofore to procure the passage of a law to provide a pension for a man from Somerset county, who was not entitled thereto, is true or false, beg leave to report, that they did, at a meeting of said Committee, in order to facilitate the investigations into the various matters with which they were specially charged, appoint five members of the same to take the testimony in regard to said order, to wit : Messrs. Walsh, Lee, Neal, Lewis and Farrow, who, in discharge of the duty