

an Act to incorporate the President and Directors of the Ben Franklin Fire Insurance company.

We have appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Buhrman, McCullough, Slothower, Stone and Eavey.

By order,

W. R. COLE,

Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. McNeal, from the committee on the Library, submitted the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Senate committee appointed to examine the accounts, disbursements, &c., of the State Librarian, and also, the existing condition of the Library, beg leave to report that in pursuance of their duty, they have waited upon that officer and received his report, which is herewith submitted to the Senate, with the request that it be entered upon the Journal.

The committee on the Library beg leave to report that they have received from the Librarian his report, and herewith submit the same to the House, with the request that it be entered upon the Journal.

Your committee have carefully examined the vouchers for the disbursements of the contingent funds, and find them all correct, leaving a balance still on hand of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-four cents.

The supplementary catalogue herewith furnished, will exhibit the number and character of the books purchased by the Librarian out of the augmentation fund, which we take pleasure in saying has been judiciously and economically expended, a deduction of from twenty to thirty per cent. on all except very small bills has been obtained by the Librarian, and duly credited to the State, thereby saving several hundred dollars, and leaving a balance unapplied of one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, which will probably be absorbed, however, by the purchase of some books not yet received.

The last appropriations of three thousand dollars for stationery has been found insufficient and falls far short of the object contemplated.

The reasons for this deficiency are mainly attributable to the great advance in the price of stationery of all kinds, requiring about nine thousand dollars to buy as much as three thousand dollars would some years back; the expenditures for