

This statement, I supposed to be correct and made my report to the last General Assembly upon this supposition, but only a few days before the adjournment of the session of last winter, I obtained from the Comptroller of the Treasury a statement showing that the amount of contingent fund unexpended on the day I came into office, (1st day of May, 1863,) was but \$731.41—just \$268.59 less than my proportionate part. This he afterwards explained to me to have grown out of the fact that the contingent fund for a number of years before, had been inadequate to the expenses of the office. On discovering this error, I immediately called the attention of the Chairman of the committee on the Library to it, but it was too late to correct it in my report. The unusual occurrence of a session of the General Assembly and Constitutional Convention in the same year, has been a heavy tax on my contingent fund for freight and express charges. Prices for freight and express have greatly advanced, as well as every thing else.

But by the most rigid economy, I have paid expenses, and have a balance remaining to the credit of the Library of \$171.64; add to this the amount I ought to have had (\$268.59,) and I would have saved to the State out of the contingent fund \$440.23, and this too after adding a number of indispensable articles to the Library, paid for out of the contingent fund.

#### *Augmentation.*

Our additions to the Library during the year have been principally law books. I have spared no pains to complete the broken sets of State reports, and add all the new standard works to the Library. In this I am under many obligations to the Hon. Judges of the Court of Appeals, whom I have invariably consulted. I have saved to the State on all occasions, when in my power, a per centage on purchases for books, as my vouchers will show. I have a balance left to the credit of the Library of (\$188.25) one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents; this, however, will be required to pay for a number of important books already ordered, but not yet received.

As to the general improvements in the Library, and with what ability and faithfulness the duties of the office have been discharged, I take pleasure in referring you to the Court of Appeals and the State officers who have had almost constant business with the Library.

#### *Stationery and Binding.*

The usual appropriation of (\$3000.00) three thousand dollars, was made at the last session for stationery. With the unprecedented rise in all articles of stationery to more than