

are absolutely needed. I have endeavored to keep up a supply of the various State laws and reports by a courteous interchange of the same with our sister States and the Territories. I forwarded to each of them two copies of the laws and two copies of the State reports, and this secures in return an equal number of the same. I have not however, been able to do so in the case of the seceded States. I have been and will always be thus enabled to have duplicated copies of their works in the Library.

*Duties performed by the Librarian at the Extra Sessions in Frederick city.*

Much of my time and attention since I came into office has necessarily been given to the Legislature at Frederick, assembled in extra session.

As soon as the Proclamation of the Executive was issued convening the Legislature, I proceeded to Baltimore and purchased such stationery as I deemed might be required. I also forwarded from the Library such books as they would need. I also procured a room and fitted it up for the purpose of a temporary Library, and attended the greater portion of the time during the three extra sessions, and prepared for the fourth, which, as your committee are aware, was brought to a close on the 17th of September, 1861, the same day of its assembling.

As soon as I was convinced that the Legislature had closed at Frederick, I had all the books, stationery, &c., left over packed and forwarded to the State Library, Annapolis. The expenses for stationery, books, &c., for the extra sessions at Frederick city, which were paid, were brought in regular form before the committee on Claims, and passed upon by them. The vouchers, however, you will find herewith filed.

By an order of the Legislature assembled at Frederick, I was appointed to take charge of the furniture, &c., belonging to the State, which had been purchased for the use of the members. I did so, and upon consultation with some of the members, determined that in order that the rent of the rooms should cease, gave the usual notice in the public print, secured the services of an auctioneer and clerk, and had the furniture, &c., sold at auction. The amount realized at said sale, with necessary expenses, &c., you will find herewith filed.

From some unaccountable cause the Legislature, at its last regular session in 1860, failed to make the usual appropriation for the purchase of stationery for the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government. Connected with the duties of Librarian is that of purchasing stationery, &c.,