

for the Departments. The amount purchased by me for the extra session in December last, and for the present regular session, you will see from vouchers herewith submitted for your examination. The Legislature will necessarily make provision for the payment of the same.

*Binding and Distributing the Laws, Journals, &c.*

It is by law enjoined upon the Librarian to have the Laws, Journals, &c., of each session of the General Assembly bound and distributed. The Legislature having been suddenly terminated at Frederick without making any appropriation to pay the expense incurred in binding, distributing, &c., the Laws passed by them, with the Journals, &c. I had to have them bound upon the credit of the State, and have since distributed them. The expenses incurred thereby you will find upon the examination of the vouchers filed herewith.

Several very fine and valuable presents have been made to the Library within the past few months by the Smithsonian Institute, the Congressional Library and from other sources, the receipt of which I have duly and cordially acknowledged.

*Superintendent of Public Buildings, Grounds, &c.*

The Librarian has, by law, been appointed Superintendent of the Public Buildings and Grounds. His compensation for said services, fixed by law, has varied in amount from one to three hundred dollars per annum.

The last mentioned amount was received by my immediate predecessor. His duties were to assume and have a general supervision of the public buildings and grounds, to have the Senate Chamber and Hall of the House of Delegates, &c., fitted up for the reception of the General Assembly. That I have faithfully performed the obligations upon me devolving, in regard to these specifications most especially, let the Senate Chamber, the Hall of the House, and other departments, answer. This perquisite, as heretofore enjoyed by my predecessors, has been taken from me by a recent act of the present Legislature, and the duty is now devolved upon the Governor.

I have thus, gentlemen, given you a plain and succinct statement of the affairs and condition of the Library when I assumed the duties of Librarian, as well as a general account of its affairs since the commencement of my administration; and I respectfully and cordially invite your attention to its present condition.

My duties have been unusually laborious and consequently very confining. The various extra sessions held at Frederick and this place, rendering the position one of exceeding toil and care.