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MR. GRASON, Chairman.

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REPORT

OF

**THE SELECT COMMITTEE,**

TO WHOM WAS REFERRED

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE,

*IN RELATION TO PAYMENTS MADE TO*

**The Clerk and Messenger of the Council.**

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
*March 9th, 1838.*

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, G. G. BREWER, Clk.

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The committee, to whom was referred the Governor's message, in relation to payments made to the Clerk and Messenger of the Council, respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

From the year 1777 to 1802, the salary of the Clerk of the Council was two hundred pounds; it was then eight hundred dollars till the year 1815; and then one thousand dollars till the year 1822. He was also allowed by the act of 1805 the same fees for recording civil commissions, which had been previously paid to the Clerk of the General Court. In the year 1822 the salary was raised to fifteen hundred dollars, which sum, according to the words of the act, was to be "in lieu of all other compensation and remuneration from the State." The same salary, with the same provisions; was continued to the year 1827, at which time the words, "in lieu of all other compensation," were omitted. An act was passed at December session 1825, "to fix and make per-