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MR. BLOCHER, Chairman.

REPORT

OF

THE SELECT COMMITTEE,

TO WHOM WAS REFERRED

*The Treasurer's Letter accompanying Bills of particulars of
the State's Miscellaneous and Contingent Expenses
in the year ended 1st December, 1837.*

The committee to which was referred the "Treasurer's Letter, accompanying bills of particulars of the State's Miscellaneous and Contingent Expenses in the year ended 1st Dec. 1837," have had the same under consideration; and upon a full investigation of the several items therein exhibited, they have been led to the conclusion that the Executive should be vested with authority, by law, to investigate and have proven before payment, all accounts preferred against the State during the recess of the Legislature. Justice to the State calls loudly for this. It is the only effectual means, in the opinion of your committee, that can be adopted to prevent imposition on the part of those claiming remuneration from the State for services rendered.

That impositions have been practiced, fully appears upon the face of the document referred to this committee, and that others may occur, unless means are adopted to prevent it, is just as certain as that they have heretofore occurred. In justification of this position your committee will quote from the Letter of the Treasurer. On page 6, they find that \$200 were paid for printing 10,000 marriage licenses when the same work can be had done for \$75. On page 9 your committee find the State charged \$311 50, for printing 250 copies of the State Library catalogue, whilst \$150 should have paid the bill. Similar charges are to be found in the Treasurer's letter, which your committee are of opinion ought not have been allowed, and which in all probability would not, had it been discretionary with a proper officer.