

Your committee will notice two other items of a different character, which appears in the Letter of the Treasurer. The first is \$4,625 25, found under the head of "Miscellaneous Expenses," and charged paid to the Clerk of the Council for recording commissions of civil officers from the year 1828 to the year 1836, and paid out of the treasury on the 11th day of August 1837. This officer has allowed him by the law, the sum of \$1,500 per annum, which was no doubt intended as a full compensation for his services. Add to this the amount of perquisites he received in eight years, and it increases his salary to upwards of two thousand dollars per annum.

The next and last item that your committee will notice is \$466 66 cents, under the head of contingent expenses, purporting to have been paid to H. Thompson on the 14th Oct. 1837, as arrears due for taking care of the State House from the year 1824 up to 1830, inclusive. This is certainly a doubtful item, and is rendered still more so from the fact of its long standing—not having been liquidated for nearly seven years from the period, at which it ceased to accumulate—and having been as your committee are informed, once refused by the Legislature.

For a more particular account of the two last items noticed in this report, your committee refer to the report made to this house on the 9th inst, by the committee appointed for that especial purpose.

The four items noticed in this report, taken together, amount to nearly five thousand five hundred dollars,—a sum too large and taken from the treasury on claims too doubtful in their character to go unnoticed by your committee. They are aware that what has been done cannot now easily be undone; but provisions can be made to prevent a recurrence of similar evils and similar errors. This remedy, it is hoped, will be found in the Bill promised in the report of the committee above alluded to.

Respectfully submitted.

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