

The Librarian has furnished to the Committee estimates of the cost of improvements proper to be made in this basement.

Plastering the ceiling,	\$45 00
Plastering the walls,	55 00
Paving the floor,	80 00
Bins for coal and piers, together,	63 00
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	\$243 00
For shelves, say,	57 00
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	\$300 00

The Committee recommends that an appropriation be made, for this object without delay, and it reports a bill accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SOTHORON,

Chairman Committee on Library.

1st JANUARY, 1854.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that the addition made to the Library since he took charge of it, is small. Many of the books ordered by him, consisting principally of English Law Reports, he has been advised by the booksellers to whom he applied for them, needed to be imported from England, and have not yet arrived. These, when obtained, will make a valuable accession to our Law Library. These works would be of daily use in the administration of justice. Their high price, and the consequently small number of them to be obtained with the amount of the usual appropriation, it is respectfully suggested, may render proper some increase of the appropriation heretofore made for the augmentation of the Library. It is desirable also to make some annual addition to the miscellaneous department of the Library. The expenditure of a few thousand dollars each year in furnishing the State Library with proper books, would be an inconsiderable charge on the Treasury, and might make the Library what it should be, a source of full and accurate information in the various departments of knowledge, and greatly enhance its usefulness.

As subservient, also, to these views of extended usefulness, it is submitted for your consideration, that an entire change is advisable