

quested to report to this Convention, at as early a day as practicable, the aggregate amounts of money paid out of the Treasury on account of public printing ordered by the last Legislature, particularly specifying the amounts paid for printing the 1st Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stoddert submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee upon the Legislative Department be instructed to consider the propriety and necessity of inserting the following general principle, as a rule for, or as advisory to, the Legislature.

That the patronage and expenses of the Government have increased, are increasing, and ought to be diminished, and strict economy ought to be observed in all the departments of the government and in every branch of the public service ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Howison, Chairman of the Committee upon Accounts, submitted the following report :

REPORT:

The Committee on Accounts, submit the following Report upon the matters embraced in the order of the Convention of the 4th instant :

The Committee Room referred to in the order, was appropriated by the President of the Convention, to the use of the Committee on Revision and Compilation, being the only unoccupied room in the building, and the only one that had not been prepared for the reception of the Convention. Under the authority contained in the joint resolution of the Legislature, the President directed it to be put in proper condition for the sessions of the Committee, and to enable the Clerk of Revision to perform properly the duties devolved upon him by order of the Convention.

It was accordingly cleansed, and a plain paper put on the walls, and plain straw matting on the floor, and the wood work received a slight coat of paint, all of which was essentially necessary for ordinary comfort. These repairs cost about two hundred and eighty dollars ; a few chairs were also provided, and are included in this sum, the other articles of furniture are the same that have always been in the room while occupied as a Senate Committee Room.

With reference to the compensation of the Revising Clerk, the Committee would remark, that the recommendation which they made in a former report, which was adopted by the Con-