

SENATE...No. 10.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, BOSTON, }
January 28, 1858. }

To the Hon. C. W. UPHAM, President of the Senate:—

In conformity to an Order of the Senate passed January 22, 1858, I have the honor to hand the annexed statement of the cost of indexing the Registration Returns for the years 1853, '54, '55, and '56. The Returns for 1857 have not yet been received at the Secretary's office, and of course no expense for indexing has been incurred upon them.

Having no means in this office of determining the precise amount of clerical labor which is properly chargeable to each year, I have obtained the following facts and figures from the Secretary's Department:—

About one-twelfth part of this work has been done by clerks in that office—the balance by parties outside; and the prices paid were eighteen cents per page for Marriages, and twenty cents for Births and Deaths.

The indexing for the past four years has been done in connection with that of several previous years, and by persons whose labor has extended over the whole period of the work. It is, therefore, impossible to state their names, together with the exact sum which has been paid to each, for indexing on

either of the Reports of 1853, '54, '55, and '56; although the exact cost for each year is determined by the number of pages at the prices before stated.

Not being able to give the expense of indexing the year 1857, I have substituted that of 1853, in order that this statement may cover the same number of years designated in the Order of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WHITE, *Auditor.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*Cost of Indexing the Registration Returns under Resolve
of 1857, ch. 90.*

Indexing Registration for the year 1853, . . .	\$511 54
1854, . . .	482 04
1855, . . .	465 82
1856, . . .	492 68
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Total,	\$1,952 08

