

HOUSE....No. 49.

M E S S A G E.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, *February 22, 1849.*

To the House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, furnishing the information called for by an order of the House, passed on the 21st, requesting "the governor to communicate to the House the sums paid by the Commonwealth for counsel fees since 1843, and to whom the same were paid."

GEO. N. BRIGGS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *February 22, 1849.*

To His Excellency the Governor :

SIR,—The accompanying table furnishes the information asked for by the order of the House of Representatives, of yesterday.

What sums have been paid can be ascertained only at the Treasury department. The table accompanying sets forth the warrants which have been passed by the governor and council.

No warrant has yet been passed in favor of Senator Davis, who was associate counsel with Mr. Ashmun, in the case of *Norris vs. City of Boston.*

Very respectfully,

W. B. CALHOUN, *Secretary.*

WARRANTS

Drawn by the Governor and Council for Counsel Fees, since 1843, and in whose favor said Warrants were issued :

In the case before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, Rhode Island *vs.* Massachusetts :

1844, Oct. 2,	Rufus Choate,	. . .	\$200		
1845, Dec. 4,	do.	. . .	500		
Do.	Daniel Webster,		\$500		
Do. 5,	Charles Sumner,			\$50	
1846, Mar. 31,	Daniel Webster,	1,500			
Do.	Rufus Choate,		1,100		
Do.	Charles Sumner,			570	
			<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>	<u>\$620</u>
					<u>\$4,420 00</u>

In the case in equity before the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut, Whittemore *vs.* Norwich and Worcester Railroad :—

1845, January 22,	Levi Lincoln,	. . .			170 00
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In the case before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, Thurlow *vs.* Commonwealth of Massachusetts :—

1847, July 2,	Asahel Huntington,	. . .			1,056 30
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In the case before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, Norris *vs.* City of Boston :—

1849, January 5,	George Ashmun,	. . .			500 00
					<u>\$6,146 30</u>

