

HOUSE...No. 81.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The committee appointed under an order of March 10th to inquire and report at what time and to what amount money has been expended in repairs of the state house without being properly accounted for;—and that such committee be authorized to send for persons and papers; and that said committee report a detailed statement of the expenditures on said account for the last five years, have considered the subject, and ask leave to

REPORT :

That they can find no reason to believe that any money has been expended in repairs of the state house without having been accounted for. They have, however, found, that very large sums have been expended upon the state house under various special resolves of the legislature, the amount of the appropriations being in some instances limited, in others unlimited. Some payments have been made on this account upon bills presented to the committee on accounts audited by them in their rolls, and paid on general warrants.

Your committee are of opinion that very much might have been saved by some system of accountability, and they have endeavored to embody such a system in the bill herewith presented.

Upon the second matter referred to them, your committee have gone back and directed me to report the aggregates of expenditures upon the state house for ten years.

In 1831,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,823 97
1832,	-	-	-	-	-	4,562 12
1833,	-	-	-	-	-	11,851 98
1834,	-	-	-	-	-	12,906 45
1835,	-	-	-	-	-	2,154 09
1836,	-	-	-	-	-	5,183 61
1837,	-	-	-	-	-	9,994 72
1838,	-	-	-	-	-	10,526 98
1839,	-	-	-	-	-	1,700 43
1840,	-	-	-	-	-	1,651 18
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						\$69,355 53

For the detailed report of expenditures for the last five years, as required by the order, the committee submit the subjoined statement obtained from the treasurer.

For the committee,

JOHN C. PARK, *Chairman.*

A detailed account of the several warrants drawn for repairs, &c., in and about the State House, in whose favor issued, &c.

1836.

J. & J. Davis, for paving, materials, &c.,	469	31	
Delano & Whitney, paints, varnish, oil, &c.,	150	22	
John Doggett & Co., carpeting, &c., for senate chamber, and representatives' hall,	1,032	41	
Christopher Gore, painting, &c.,	335	87	
Charles Leighton, superintending repairs,	150	00	
John V. Low, painting and setting glass,	3	75	
Geo. Redding & Co., painting, &c.,	503	76	
Alfred Randall, coloring, &c.,	74	00	
John H. Wheeler, carpenter's work, &c.,	2,464	29	
			\$5,183 61

The above were allowed on the rolls of accounts and paid on warrant of March 6th, 1837.

1837.

Warrant of May 20, 1837, in favor J. H. Wheeler, "the amount stated by the chairman of the committee on public buildings for the purchase of materials <i>per</i> resolve of April 19, 1837,"	734	70	
Warrant of Oct. 7, 1837, in favor Luther Brooks, chairman, &c., "to enable him to discharge certain bills of expenses incurred, under resolve of April 19, '37,"	4,610	26	
Warrant of 6th Sept. 1837, in favor J. P. Bigelow, "to enable him to pay in part			

the expenses of alterations in the departments occupied by him, under resolve of 15th March, 1837,"	2,000 00	
Warrant of 4th Oct. 1837, in favor J. P. Bigelow, for the last-named object, and by same resolve,	900 00	
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John H. Wheeler, for carpenter's work, allowed on roll of accounts, 111, paid on warrant of April 20, 1837,	1,326 82	
John H. Wheeler, for carpenter's work, stock, &c., allowed on roll of accounts, 112, and paid on warrant of April 21, 1838,	422 94	
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1838.		
Warrant of Feb. 14, 1838, in favor Luther Brooks, chairman, &c., "to enable him to pay certain bills for repairs," &c.,	2,000 00	
Warrant of Feb. 28, 1838, in favor Luther Brooks, "the balance of account of all expenditures, under the resolve of April 19, 1837,"	758 06	
Warrant of July 7, 1838, in favor Luther Brooks, "in full of certain accounts for repairs, &c., under resolve of April 10, 1838,"	2,367 20	
Warrant of Dec. 20, 1838, in favor Luther Brooks, "his account of repairs, alterations, &c., made under a resolve of April 10, 1838,"	972 86	
Warrant of Sept. 3, 1838, in favor of Chas. Calhoun, "on account of repairs, &c., in the senate chamber, <i>per</i> resolve of April 25, 1838,"	300 00	
Warrant of Dec. 20, 1838, in favor Chas.		

Calhoun, "being the estimated amount of the expenditures on the senate chamber, <i>per</i> resolve of April 25, 1838,"	1,520 15	
Warrant of April 21, 1838, in favor of John P. Bigelow, "being the balance of his account of repairs, &c., in the western wing of the state house, under resolve of 15th March, 1837,"	416 89	
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J.H. Wheeler, carpenter's work, \$1,294 12		
J. Hendley, stoves, funnels, work, &c.,	158 55	
Asa Swallow, mason's work, &c.,	58 83	
Luther Brooks, lumber, &c.,	94 54	
E. H. Snelling, setting glass, &c.,	115 69	
Christopher Gore, painting, &c.,	161 09	
S. Emmons & Son, ensigns, line, &c.,	24 13	
G. Kimball, soap-stone work, &c.,	40 14	
D. Safford & Co., blacksmith's work,	171 67	
Wm. Greenough, hardware,	73 06	
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The above ten accounts allowed by the committee on accounts, roll 113, and paid on warrant of April 10, 1839.

1839.

Warrant of Nov. 25, 1839, in favor "Asa Swallow, one of the committee on public buildings, to enable him to pay certain bills for repairs on the state house, the current year,"	976 06
G. B. Wheeler, carpenter's work, &c.,	\$546 02

D. Safford & Co., blacksmith's work,	56 57	
E. H. Snelling, cleaning windows, &c.,	42 20	
Wm. Greenough, hardware,	32 93	
Haven & Breed, painting, &c.,	46 65	
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The last five accounts were allowed by the committee on accounts, roll 114, and paid on a warrant of 24th March, 1840,

 1,700 43

1840.

Warrant of July 2d, 1840, in favor Benj. Stevens, "to enable him to pay certain bills for repairs, &c., on the state house, per account rendered," 1,651 18

\$29,056 92

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one.

AN ACT

Relating to the State House.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SEC. 1. There shall be annually appointed by the
2 House of Representatives a committee on public build-
3 ings, who shall report to the House an estimate of
4 expenses necessary to be incurred during the year
5 upon the state house.

1 SEC. 2. All repairs and alterations upon the state
2 house shall be carried into effect under the superin-
3 tendence of the sergeant at arms, which superintend-
4 ence shall hereafter become a part of his official
5 duties.

1 SEC. 3. No bills for said expenses shall be paid by
2 the treasurer until the same have been presented to

3 the governor and council, audited by them, and a
4 warrant drawn therefor by the governor.

1 SEC. 4. The treasurer shall annually submit to
2 the legislature a detailed account of said estimates of
3 the preceding year, and of all monies expended upon
4 the state house during the year, and to whom paid.