

HOUSE....No. 11.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON, }
January 20th, 1852. }

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of the two houses, the Annual Report of the Expenses of this office, required by the Resolve of 1819, chapter 268.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

AMASA WALKER.

To Hon. N. P. BANKS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BOSTON, {
January 10th, 1852. }

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

By a resolve of 1819, chap. 268, the Secretary is required "to make out an account, to the first of January in each year, specifying the amount of salaries and allowances made, the number of clerks employed, their names, the periods of service, and the amount allowed them, with all the expenses of the office," and report the same to the Legislature.

In compliance with this provision of law, the Secretary submits the following report :

Amount of fees received by the Secretary is,	\$403 87
Amount received from the State treasury, by William B. Calhoun is,	71 11
Do. received by Amasa Walker,	1,125 02
	\$1,600 00

The salary of the first clerk, William Tufts, by the resolve of 1846, chap. 217, is	\$1,200 00
That of the second clerk, Charles W. Lovett, by resolve of 1845, chap. 113, is	1,000 00

The resolve of 1838, chap. 81, authorizes the Secretary to employ, from time to time, such clerical assistance, in addition to the permanent clerks, "as may be necessary to the despatch of business." And by the Revised Statutes, chap. 13, sect. 13, assistant clerks are to receive a compensation not exceeding the rate of \$900 per annum.

The names, periods of service, and amount of compensation of assistant clerks employed within the past year, are as follows, viz :

Samuel C. Thacher, 5 months, 1 night,	.	.	\$380 00
Thomas Campbell, 1 year, 2½ nights,	.	.	912 50
William Hooper, 46 days,	.	.	115 00
Josiah Curtis, 6 months, 27 days, 1½ nights,	.	.	538 50
William Harris, 130 days, 2½ nights,	.	.	337 50
John Adams, 9 months, 6 nights, 4 days,	.	.	697 50
George L. Walker, 207 days, 6 nights,	.	.	575 00
E. P. Robinson, 280 days, 1½ nights,	.	.	707 50
Allen W. Dodge, 43 1-5 days,	.	.	108 00
George A. Savage, 8 days, 2 nights,	.	.	30 00
William B. Trask, 1½ days,	.	.	3 75
B. W. Poor, 14 days, 3 nights,	.	.	50 00
Daniel Henshaw, 122 days, 3 nights,	.	.	320 00
William R. Collier, 25 days,	.	.	62 50
Albert S. Fernald, 115 days,	.	.	287 50
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			\$5,125 25
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The extra clerk hire was occasioned as follows, viz :

Pensions and pedlers,	.	.	\$900 00
On the registration of 1848-9,	.	\$1,046 00	
On that of 1850,	.	530 00	
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Agricultural Returns,	.	.	108 00
Chronological Indexes,	.	.	200 00
Ordinary office duties,	.	.	2,341 25
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			\$5,125 25
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The licenses issued to pedlers the past year, are as follows, viz :

15 State licenses,	.	.	\$1,500 00
295 town,	.	.	295 00
223 county,	.	.	223 00
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			\$2,018 00
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The postage bills of the government for the past year, have amounted to \$604 83.

The expense of stationery is estimated, as heretofore, at \$400. The bills for stationery include what is furnished to the Executive Council, to the Legislature, and the committees.

A large amount of extra labor has been performed in this office the past year.

The act of 1849, chap. 202, sect. 4, required that the returns made on the first of February, 1850, should "begin with the first of May, 1848." This term, of course, included twenty months, viz., eight months of the year 1848 and the twelve months of 1849. This registration being only partially completed on the first of January, 1851, the expenses of finishing it, amounting to \$1,046, came into the account of the present year, and swelled the aggregate of the expenses by that amount. Deducting that sum, namely \$1,046, from the sum total of \$5,125 25, the other expenses of the office will be but \$4,079 25 for the past year.

It may be added, that the general business of the office has been much increased during the year now closed by a variety of causes, as the long session of the last Legislature, and the additional services which have been thrown upon the department by several of its acts.

Under the authority of the resolve of 1846, chap. 35, the deficiencies in the ancient records of the Commonwealth continue to be supplied by copies from the original papers in London, made by Mr. Lemon, the gentleman designated for that purpose; and by the usual interchanges of books, &c., with the several states of the Union, many additions have been made to the State library.

By the act of 1851, "for the better security of the ballot," it was made the duty of the Secretary to provide a sufficient number of envelopes for the use of all the voters of the Commonwealth, and furnish the same to the clerks of the several towns and cities. In compliance with said act, the Secretary procured 1,193,000 envelopes, at a cost of one dollar and fifty cents per thousand, and furnished to the clerk of each town and city a number equal to six for every voter.

Whole number purchased for the State,	1,193,000
Whole number furnished prior to the second Monday in November,	1,103,772
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Balance,	89,228
From this sum must be deducted the amount furnished subsequently to four towns, in which there were repeated trials to elect representatives,	4,500
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On hand, January 1, 1852,	84,728

The number of envelopes which may remain on hand in the several towns and cities is not known, but it is estimated that not more than one fourth of the whole number furnished by the Commonwealth were used in the late election. On this supposition, as the whole number furnished was 1,108,272, one fourth would be 277,068, which would cost \$419 51. This sum divided by the number of persons who voted, as shown by the gubernatorial returns, (138,317,) would make the cost of the envelopes equal to within a small fraction of three mills for each voter.

Respectfully submitted,

AMASA WALKER.

