

HOUSE....No. 94.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, }
January 13, 1860. }

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

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary.*

Hon. JOHN A. GOODWIN, *Speaker of House of Representatives.*

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :—

In compliance with the law which requires an annual statement of the expenses of this office, I have the honor to transmit herewith the following

R E P O R T :

The amount of fees received by the Secretary is	\$358 17
Amount received from State Treasurer,	1,641 83
	\$2,000 00

By chapter 269 of the Acts of 1857, the first clerk, (Charles W. Lovett,) was paid	\$1,500 00
By chapter 133 of the Acts of 1859, the second clerk, (Albert L. Fernald,) was paid,	1,400 00
	\$2,900 00
Total salaries of permanent clerks,	\$2,900 00

In addition to the services of the permanent clerks, the Secretary is authorized to employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary for the dispatch of public business; and the annual salary of the clerks thus employed, by Acts of 1855, chapter 440, shall not exceed eleven hundred dollars.

The names, time, and amount of compensation of the several clerks thus employed during the year 1859, are as follows :—

William Harris, 12 months,	\$1,100 00
H. J. Coolidge, 12 months,	1,100 00
Benjamin C. Piper, 12 months,	1,100 00
Edward Strong, 12 months,	1,100 00
Edward W. Hinks, 12 months,	1,100 00
E. D. Moore, 12 months,	1,100 00
Alanson Hawley, 12 months,	1,100 00
E. P. Robinson, 12 months,	1,100 00
Henry B. Wood, 12 months,	1,100 00
Edward Warner, indexing and copying,	814 07
Dr. Josiah Curtis, Registration Report,	500 00
Sundry persons, engrossing,	80 00
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	\$11,294 07

There has been also paid to Lewis Hayden, for his services as messenger, according to Acts of 1859, chapter 269, \$800.

The work on the New Plymouth Records has been continued under the direction of Mr. David Pulsifer, and the tenth volume is nearly printed and will soon be ready for distribution, according to law. Mr. Pulsifer has been paid for services in this department of the office, the sum of \$1,100. Two more volumes are in preparation for the press, which will, when finished, complete the number ordered to be published by the legislature.

Numerous applications from the several State and other historical societies continue to be made for a copy of these records, but the existing law makes no provision for their distribution except to free and incorporated libraries in the several towns of our own State. The proper place for such records would seem to be where all who are interested in historical matters can have access to them, and it is very desirable that such a distribution may be made of them, as to accommodate this large and increasing class of persons.

The distribution and sale of the Records during the year, according to Resolves of 1858, chapter 14, has been as follows :

Distributed up to January 1, 1859, (vols. 1 to 8 inclusive,) 531

Distributed during the year, as follows:—

To town of Belmont,	1
institutions entitled to them by law,	26
Hon. E. R. Hoar, justice S. J. C.,	1
persons who had received the first four volumes,	3
Sold, (of which 38 copies have been paid for, amounting to \$570, which sum has been paid into the State Treasurer,)	41
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Number of sets so far as published, on hand at the commencement of year,	242
Number distributed during the year,	72
Remaining for future distribution,	170

Volume nine has been received from the printer and distributed in the same manner as the preceding volumes.

The expense for stationery, binding, &c., for the use of the office for the year, has been	\$649 30
The amount paid for postage has been	377 89
This sum paid into the treasury for peddlers' licenses has been	170 00

During the past year, in accordance with the Acts of 1859, chapter 265, all the back numbers of the "Reports of cases argued and determined in the Supreme Judicial Court," which were due to the several towns and cities in the Commonwealth, have been distributed, including vol. 6 of Gray's Reports. The seventh volume has been published, and together with succeeding volumes as they are issued, will be sent to the towns and cities by the publishers.

According to Resolves of 1859, chapter 85, "the Special Acts of this Commonwealth passed subsequently to the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight," have been collated and prepared for publication under the direction of Nehemiah Brown, Esq., and the first volume is now passing through the press. Both volumes will be completed during the year.

Under Resolves of 1859, chapter 55, the original "Plans and Land Grants" on file in this office, have been arranged,

indexed, and bound, in convenient form for reference. This work has been done by Hon. John W. Atwood, and has been performed with remarkable accuracy. The expense therefor was defrayed by special appropriation of \$150 in the above Resolve.

The Secretary was authorized by Resolves of 1859, chapter 50, "to contract with Henry F. Walling for the publication of the State Map during the remaining term of the copyright thereof," upon certain conditions named in the Resolve.

These conditions were deemed too burdensome by the party concerned, and the contract was accordingly declined. In the mean time, the original plates, together with certain corrections furnished from time to time by Mr. Walling, have been in the possession of Messrs. Smith, Knight & Tappan, engravers, who are unwilling to proceed with the engraving necessary for the corrections thus furnished, for the limited sum allowed therefor by the State.

No edition of the map has been published since 1843, and as many new towns have been incorporated since that time, and many changes made in town lines, it is highly desirable that measures be taken to secure a re-publication of the map.

Quite a large sum has been expended already in the alterations made thus far, and comparatively a small sum is needed to complete the work which would be both creditable to the State and of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary.*

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