

to pay One Hundred Pounds on condition of his receiving a moral and legal clearance; but up to this hour your Committee have not received any promise as to when this sum is to be forthcoming, although they have sought to be informed by him with reference to this part of the subject.

Your Committee feel it to be their duty to express to the Grand Division their conviction of a most unjustifiable neglect and misappropriation of funds on the part of the late Grand Scribe, which in an office of his rank in the Order, and one who was conspicuous as a Temperance advocate, is calculated to affect its interests very injuriously. They are moreover, surprised to find, that more perfect statements were not from time to time demanded from him by the Grand Division, so as to have prevented his putting the body in so humiliating a position as it now stands, relative to the claim of the National Division. Your Committee, however, can easily understand, how one in whom all the Brethren had perfect confidence, could prevent or defer any enquiry that would tend to implicate himself.

Your Committee would state, that their Chairman, finding there was not a probability of obtaining a satisfactory settlement of the claim against the Grand Scribe, called a Special Session of Grand Division, when the matter was fairly laid before the members and their advice sought. Mr. Hieborn was present by invitation, but failed to make any satisfactory statement or explanation, and the Grand Division approved of your Committee's procedure.

In hopes of ascertaining somewhat accurately the amount due by the late Grand Scribe, your Committee addressed a circular to those who had been Deputies for the last two years, soliciting a statement of their several accounts for that time, but those accounts, so far as they have come to hand, have failed to show any thing that would make matters appear more favourable.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend to your favourable consideration the arduous labours of the present Grand Scribe, which have been caused by his predecessor's neglect of duty. His bill for extra services, amounting to £9 2s. your committee think is a very moderate one.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of an enquiry respecting the two items referred to by the Most Worthy Scribe in his letter of 17th Novr, 1851,—and in conclusion, having no plan to propose, save a course of strict economy, whereby a liquidation of the debt may be accomplished in a year or two, your Committee beg leave to close this Report.

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