

measure and proceeding before Your Honorable House can, at a minute's notice, be traced and ascertained; and of £20 to *Robert Defries*, keeper of the Post Office department of Your Honorable House, in like manner by way of gratuity to him, and as an acknowledgment of the diligence and attention with which he has superintended the responsible business entrusted to him, and in particular of the saving in the expense of postages which it is believed he has thereby effected during the present Session, by the arrangements in his department.

Your Committee are of opinion that a classification, according to salaries, of the several officers of the establishment, and a system of promotion from class to class, by merit and seniority, may be established. The Clerk, Clerk Assistant, and Serjeant at Arms, (the last mentioned officer being in rank, though not in salary, next to them,) constituting the first class:

The officers receiving £350 a-year, the second class,

Those at £250 a-year, the third class,

Those at £200 a-year, the fourth class,

Those at £150 a-year, the fifth class,

And those at £125 a-year, the sixth class.

With the understanding that, in future, no increase of salary to any one of a class shall take place so long as he remains in it, nor until he is promoted to the next superior class. Merit, it is believed, would lead to promotion, which ought to be the principal means of obtaining an increase of salary from Your Honorable House, rather than that, too frequently resorted to, of intrigue and importunity of candidates and their friends, the inconvenience whereof few members of Your Honorable House have not at one time or other experienced, and which frequently gives success to the intriguer, while the more laborious servant of modest merit remains altogether neglected and forgotten.

Your Committee having ascertained from the Clerk, that *J. B. Moraud*, one of the junior clerks at £150 per annum, has, through an afflicting visitation of Providence, been absent from his duty ever since the beginning of July, 1847, (down to which period his salary has been paid him in full,) and that he still continues unable to resume it, recommend that he be paid thence to the 31st March last, inclusively, half only of his salary, and that his duties in the offices of Your Honorable House be thenceforward deemed to have terminated; with the understanding always, that if he recover his health so as to be capable of resuming his duties, he be again employed in the

service of Your Honorable House. The unavoidable removal of Mr. *Moraud* will cause two vacancies, which it will be for Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Clerk, to fill, by promoting a junior clerk from the sixth class, (£125,) to the fifth, (£150,) with the salary of the latter from January last, and by promoting and placing on the permanent establishment, at the expiration of the present Session, or when he shall see fit, an extra writer to the vacancy occasioned by the step aforesaid from class six to five.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the Petition of *J. Voller*, one of the Messengers of Your Honorable House, praying for a retired pension, but cannot recommend it. Your Committee, wholly opposed to the granting of pensions chargeable upon the contingencies of Your Honorable House, would, rather than increase them, recommend the discontinuance of those with which it is already encumbered, and by which a most inconvenient precedent has been afforded, if, consistently with the faith and honor of Your Honorable House, it could be done. They have also considered the Petition of Messrs. *Wylie* and others, Reporters of the Debates in Your Honorable House, praying for some remuneration in addition to that allowed them by their employers, the Editors of the papers for which they report, in consideration of the value of their labour to the public, and which Your Committee fully acknowledge. But Your Committee regret that there are objections, as they believe of an insuperable nature, to the appropriation of any portion of the monies advanced to defray the contingent expenses of Your Honorable House to such a purpose. There is no precedent to be found for it, in so far as Your Committee are advised, in the Journals of the House of Commons, and the introduction of it here would prove, they apprehend, exceedingly inconvenient.

Your Committee, in conclusion, beg leave to submit their conviction, that the Clerk of Your Honorable House has, in procuring the necessary stationery and other supplies, as well as works or services for it, occasionally been imposed upon; and therefore recommend that in future, with a view to prevent similar abuses, he should in all such cases consult and be aided by the advice of Mr. Speaker, and any other Member of the House besides who may at the time be in the City and disposed to assist him with advice on any matter, as aforesaid, on which he may consult them.

LIST OF OFFICERS, Extra Writers, and Messengers of the Legislative Assembly—2nd Session,
3rd Parliament, 1849.

No.	Name.	Designation of Office.	Salaries per Annum, Paid by	
			Warrant.	Contingencies.
1	W. B. Lindsay.....	Clerk.....	£500	£250
2	G. B. Faribault.....	Assistant Clerk.....	400	150
3	G. W. Wicksteed.....	Law Clerk and English Translator.....	350	.....
4	W. P. Patrick.....	Chief Office Clerk.....	.....	350
5	Wm. Ross.....	Chief Clerk of Committees.....	.....	350
6	H. Voyer.....	French Translator.....	250	.....
7	P. E. Gagnon.....	French Journal Clerk.....	.....	250
8	G. M. Muir.....	English Journal Clerk.....	.....	250
9	Alfred Patrick.....	Clerk of Committees.....	.....	250
10	Thomas Vaux.....	Second Office Clerk and Accountant.....	.....	250
11	Alfred Todd.....	Clerk of Committees.....	.....	250
12	W. B. Lindsay, Junr.....	Assistant Law Clerk and English Translator.....	.....	200
13	G. Lévesque.....	Assistant French Translator.....	.....	200
14	D. P. Myrand.....	Assistant French Translator.....	.....	200
15	J. Huston.....	Assistant French Translator.....	.....	200
16	W. Winder.....	Librarian.....	.....	200
17	Alpheus Todd.....	Assistant Librarian.....	.....	200
18	G. K. Chisholm.....	Serjeant at Arms.....	100	100
19	H. Hartney.....	Engrossing Clerk.....		150

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