

Contingencies.

Your Committee do not find any order of Your Honourable House to warrant the charge of 15s. per day, but they (the claimants) however state to the Committee, that such an understanding took place before entering upon the work. And Your Committee, from information derived from Mr. *Parent's* letter annexed, are inclined to think that the claimants were given to understand, during the progress of the work, that such would be the case. If their present accounts be allowed, they will receive each, for their individual time in the service of the House, from the first day of this Parliament (14th June, 1841), to the commencement of the present Session (a period of two years and three months and a half) :—

By <i>Alpheus Todd</i> , as Deputy Librarian.....	£229	0	0
For making proceedings of last two Sessions.....	12	10	0
Charge for Index up to present Session.....	462	2	6
Total.....	£703	12	6
By <i>Alfred Todd</i> , as Extra Clerk....	£244	10	0
Charge for Index to present Session..	342	15	0
Total	£587	5	0

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that the work of making the Indices, at so expensive a rate, ought not to be continued; and forbear from recommending the payment of the sums claimed—but would respectfully recommend that the said *Alfred Todd* and *Alpheus Todd* be added to the permanent establishment, as Junior Clerks, the former at a salary of £200, and the latter at £150 per annum, their time during the recesses to be occupied solely with the Indices until they are completed; after which, at such other work as may be directed. And Your Committee further recommend that as a consideration for their past extra services in relation to the Indices, that their salaries be allowed them from the commencement of this Parliament, which must include any sums received by them, as salary or allowance during that period. Upon this recommendation Your Committee would also suggest that the situation of Assistant Librarian be abolished, as no longer required, but that *Alpheus Todd* do attend in the Library during each Session as at present.

Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend that the translating, printing, &c., of the Indices, be dispensed with, and that the works, when completed in manuscript, be neatly bound and deposited in the Library for reference.

Upon the subject of expenditure attendant upon the office of Clerk to Your Honourable House, Your Committee beg to suggest certain alterations, with a view to economy. By the 89th Rule, the hours of attendance are particularly defined. Your Committee would recommend that the day for all temporary Clerks and Writers be regulated in conformity therewith, and that any other rule, regulating the hours of their attendance, be dispensed with; and also that the maximum allowance to such be limited to ten shillings per day, while, at the same time, an intimation should be given to that class of employees, that, in future, no allowance would be made, except to those expressly summoned to attend by the Clerk—that the contingent fund may not, in future (as hitherto it has been), be drained by placing a host of Assistant Writers upon pay at the opening of a Session, when, in fact, there was no employment.

Under this arrangement, Your Committee would respectfully recommend the employment of three ad-

ditional permanent Clerks, viz : *Alfred Todd*, *Thaddeus Patrick* and *Alpheus Todd*, the former at a salary of £200, and the others at £150 per annum each. Your Committee would recommend, that, in addition to this salary, *Alpheus Todd* be allowed £50 per year, from the commencement to the completion of the Index, at which he has been engaged. This arrangement would supersede the expense now complained of for extra hours—and that the Clerk of Your Honourable House should be instructed to dispense with as many temporary writers as possible, and to employ such supernumeraries only as the actual business required, and that no allowance for extra hours or extra services be in future admitted. If, however, another permanent Clerk should be required, which Your Committee think may, probably, be the case, they recommend that *J. B. Moraud* (at present engaged as an extra Writer) be the person selected, also at a salary of £150 per annum.

Upon the subject of payment to Witnesses, summoned to give evidence before Select Committees, Your Committee would recommend the allowance of 10s. per day, with a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, and that it be paid by the Clerk out of the Contingent Fund, upon the certificate or order of the Chairman of the Committee, before whom such evidence may have been given."

Executive Council Office.
23d October, 1843.

SIR.

In answer to your note of this day, respecting the result of the deliberations of the Committee of last Session, on the subject of the Indices to the Journals to the late Houses of Assembly of *Upper and Lower Canada*, I have the honour to inform you, that, on account of the shortness and sudden close of the Session, I could not have a single regular meeting of the Committee, but it was understood between the individual members thereof, that Mr. *Lindsay* should continue to employ Messrs. *Todds*, allowing them, as the work was going on, such remuneration as he thought reasonable, leaving such further allowance as they might be entitled to, at the completion of the work, to be settled by the House.

I may add, that on Mr. *Lindsay* wishing to know from me what I would consider to be a reasonable allowance during the progress of the work, I told him, if I remember well, that three dollars a-day would be very fair.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

E. Parent.

D. Thorburn, C. C. C.

Mr. *Harmannus Smith*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the calling and orderly holding of Public Meetings in this Province, and for the better preservation of the public peace thereat, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to impose Duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock, imported into this Province, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Contingencies.

Orderly holding of Public Meetings.

Duties on Agricultural Products.