

Government to reverse it, and empower certain gentlemen to increase those salaries. He did not know what had been done, and had not asked, but was merely pointing his hon. friend's attention to the result itself; and he gave no opinion upon the Question, in the abstract, of the propriety of the increase or not; but he felt it his duty to call attention to the position in which Members had been placed by the passing, in the absence of the Chairman of the Contingencies Committee, and all its Members, of an Order to increase salaries without reference to those gentlemen. And if any reference should take place hereafter, it would be under the disadvantage of first increasing the salaries, and then asking for hon. Members to sanction the proceeding or reduce them. He had made up his mind, after all the trouble he had taken to endeavor to keep things right in the Committee, to preserve its power and privileges intact, and to see that none but really expedient charges were made, and that the expenditure was checked and controlled in every way, to retire from the Committee, feeling he would be of no use in it. He should, therefore, be glad to see some other name substituted for his own, unless some satisfactory explanation could be given.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST—Hon. Members, at the end of last Session, had expressed their opinion that the servants of this House should be placed on the same footing as those of the House of Commons. It was only an act of justice, as they were entitled to the same consideration. Had there been any objection at the time to a Commission of Inquiry, the Government would not have acted on it. On the contrary, there was a general desire favorable to such a proceeding. With regard to his hon. friend, who had expressed his intention of withdrawing from the Committee, he hoped that hon. gentleman, who had done so much and rendered such useful and important services, would be satisfied with the explanation, and would not now withdraw.

HON. MR. CAMPBELL fully agreed with what had been said by the hon. Member as to the important services and ability of the hon. gentleman (Hon. Mr. Dickey.) He also agreed with the

hon. Member as to the favorable expression of opinion with regard to increased remuneration of the officers and servants of the House. He recollected that an Address had been presented from the officers of the House on the subject during last Session. He thought that the matter should be taken up, and he trusted it would meet with due attention during the present Session.

HON. MR. DICKEY, after the explanation had been made, expressed himself perfectly satisfied.

COPYRIGHT BILL.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST presented a Bill for the regulation of the Law of Copyright, which was, upon motion, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next, 18th instant.

HON. MR. CAMPBELL was pleased to find that the Bill had been initiated in that House. There was an hon. gentleman whose name had been recently mentioned in connection with the proceedings of the House. As the subject of the Bill was one in which no doubt that hon. gentleman felt an interest, he hoped that the day named would be sufficiently convenient to enable the hon. gentleman to be in his place. He (Hon. Mr. C.) should congratulate the Government on the introduction of Bills into that House.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST, in reply to the hon. Member, would observe that in naming Thursday, the 18th instant, he had done so to enable the hon. gentleman referred to, to be in his place. With regard to the introduction of Bills into that House, he (Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just) hoped that the Bill introduced to-day would not be the only one initiated in that House, and he begged further to state, that it was the intention of the Government to introduce into that House as many as possible.

The House, shortly after, adjourned until Monday next, the 15th instant, at three, P.M.

Monday, February 15, 1875.

The House met at three o'clock.

After routine business,

HON. MESSRS. LETELLIER and PENNY introduced Hon. Mr. Fabre,