

Government, I was incessantly engaged in revising, improving, and printing the index, working sessional hours and with sessional diligence, without which the work could not have been ready before Parliament met. Ever as it was it could scarcely have been so, had I not during the recess of 1854, gone carefully over the statutes for the purpose of making the smaller index which I published in the autumn of that year, and which served as a basis for the present work. The labor connected with the very important task assigned to me, was all the more wearing from the short period into which it was necessarily crowded, and from its reaching from the end of the work of one session to the beginning of that of another, except the time actually occupied in removing to Toronto, which was assuredly no holiday.

With these remarks I most willingly leave both Mr. Keele's claim and my own in the hands of the House. The Government has lately appointed Commissioners to continue and complete the revision, classification and consolidation of the statutes, and will probably have obtained some information and adopt some conclusion which will facilitate the House in determining the compensation to which we are entitled.

The whole, nevertheless, humbly submitted,

G. W. WICKSTEED.

Law Clerk's Office, Legislative Assembly,
17th March, 1856.

ACCOUNT.

Sums received by the undersigned on account of the Index, under the order of the Legislative Assembly of the 8th Nov., 1854.

21st September, 1855.—From the Clerk.....£150

Sums expended for the same :

12th October.—To R. A. Harrison, Esq., in full.....£ 50

26th October.—To W. C. Keele's draft on account.....£100

To expenses of journey from Quebec to Toronto and back in

August£ 10

£160

MR. KEELE'S LETTER REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING REPORT.

TORONTO, 12th February, 1856.

G. W. Wicksteed, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

In case reference should be made to you with respect to my remuneration as your assistant in the preparation of the Index to the Statutes in force, I beg leaving shortly to recapitulate the nature and extent of my services.

They consist of the following heads :

1. A careful examination of all the public general Acts in order, by such examination, to satisfy myself preparatory to the Index, of the accuracy of your own manuscript notes and printed Index which you sent me, and which, by such examination, I verified and found correct, noting on each Statute every repealed or unrepealed clause or section.

2. Preparing the manuscripts of the Index to all the public general Acts remaining in force.

3. Preparing a table of all the Statutes, (public, private, and local,) in their chronological order, showing the sections of the public Acts repealed, according to the plan which you suggested.

4. Examining at your request the printed sheets of your portion of the work in order, by double revision, to insure accuracy.