

Seventh.—Whether the salaries allowed in this Department be sufficient, or more than sufficient, as compensation for the duties performed ; and whether there be any necessity for an increase or reduction of the assistance at present afforded.

As the object of the appointment of the Commission is to investigate generally all matters of public interest connected with the several Departments, this Committee will understand, that they are not restricted to limit their inquiries by the strict letter of the foregoing queries ; but that, in the full spirit of the same, they are to pursue any course of investigation, which may appear to them expedient.

N.B.—The vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Clerk of the Executive Council, will remain open, until the Committee shall have reported how far, in their judgment, the Council, under its present organization and system, can efficiently dispose of the important details of business which must continue to claim its attention.

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