

For expenses of self and staff to Washington, inauguration of President McKinley, in March, 1897, 638.98
 " expenses of trip to Nashville, October, 1897, self and fifty-two invited guests, including staff and commissioners, 2,830.00
 " expenses of trip to New York, dedication of the Grant Memorial, self and staff, 663.90

There was also an expense to the treasury on account of the Vermont National Guard going to New York to attend the dedication of the Grant Memorial, 1,980.83
 \$7,238.53

The expense of the National Guard on the trip to New York and the trip to Washington, mentioned in Governor Grout's account, were about \$4,322.69 in excess of the amount paid from the State Treasury. This amount was, at the time, paid in part by popular subscription and in part by the privates of the Guard who attended. House bill No. 345, introduced at this session, to appropriate \$4,322.69, was designed by the promoters to compel the State to reimburse such parties.

Section No. 4417, V. S. "There shall be annually, between the 1st day of June and the 15th day of October, a parade of the National Guard, for drill, discipline, inspection and review, at such times and places as the commander-in-chief directs, which parade shall continue not less than three days, and not more than five days. The commander-in-chief may order additional parades by regiment, company or battery, as he deems advisable, not exceeding three days in each year, at such time and place as he directs and subject to such regulations as he prescribes."

Governor Grout informed your committee that it was by virtue of this statute that he was authorized to appropriate \$1,980.83 of the money of the State, to pay in part, the expenses of the National Guard in going to New York.

Six of General Peck's quarterly accounts, amounting to \$1,060.01, do not show Governor Grout's signature approving the same; but all of General Peck's accounts, during this biennial term, for expenses incurred in connection with public functions, either within or without the State, including the expenses in connection with the Old Guard ball at New York, of \$70.00, were approved by Governor Grout.

The State Librarian: Sec. 5326 V. S. makes his annual salary \$350. Your committee have examined his accounts from October, 1890, and fail to discover that he has drawn any money from the treasury without authority of law.

Section 5423 V. S. "The secretary of state, state auditor, and state librarian shall be commissioners on state printing, with authority to make all necessary contracts, etc."

Section 5331 V. S. "Members of commissions provided for by joint resolution or act of the general assembly, unless compensation is fixed in the act or resolution, shall receive five dollars a day for services rendered and necessary expenses."

All the charges made by Mr. Huse in his account, as commissioner on state printing, appear to be covered by the section last above quoted.

State's Attorneys: Section 5401 V. S. provides an annual salary for all state's attorneys. No reference is made to expenses in said section.

Section 3269 V. S. provides that state's attorneys shall receive \$5 per day and necessary expenses, to be paid by the state, in cases arising under chapter 148, relating to insane persons.

Section 3217 V. S. makes the same provision in cases arising under chapter 146, relating to pauper cases.

Section 3987 V. S. makes the same provision for cases arising under Chapter 172, in hearings before railroad commissioners.

The greater part of the money paid by the state treasurer to state's attorneys since December, 1888, has been paid under the provisions of the above mentioned sections. So far as your committee have been able to discover no traveling expenses or hotel bills of the state's attorneys, while in the discharge of their duties within the county for which they were elected, have been paid by the state, except as provided by the above section; but a custom has grown up under which state's attorney's have claimed that the state should pay, in addition to the salary, the traveling expenses and hotel bills necessarily incurred outside of the county for which the attorney was

elected. The method which such payments have been made since December, 1888, is as follows:

The State's Attorney has made up an itemized account showing in what cases, when, where, and for what purpose, each item of expense was incurred. At the biennial session the Auditor has presented these several accounts to the Committee on Claims, objecting to such items as he has regarded improper, and the Committee on Claims have advised the Auditor how much ought to be paid by the state on each account, and the Auditor has drawn his order for the amount so approved by the Committee on Claims.

It appears to your Committee that the Auditors were unable to find any statute authorizing the payment of these traveling and hotel expenses, but they conceived that it was proper to pay such amounts thereof as the Committee on Claims, in the manner above suggested, determined to be just and equitable. No bill has been enacted authorizing the payment of any claim treated as above stated.

Most of the accounts settled and paid as above stated included items for telegraphing, telephoning, and stationery; some of said accounts contained items for money paid out by State's Attorneys for attorney fees, witness fees and court fees outside of the state, in procuring the extradition of respondents; some of said accounts included items for money paid detectives for assisting in the capture, and preparation for trial, of criminals.

The amounts paid to state's attorneys as aforesaid since December, 1888, are as follows:

1890, Oct. 24, W. B. C. Stickney, state's attorney,	\$70.00
" " 29, O. M. Barber,	87.93
" Nov. 6, F. E. Alfred,	20.00
" " 6, C. M. Wilds,	99.34
1892, " 10, C. H. Mason,	27.59
" " 15, J. E. Cushman,	77.71
" " 19, W. H. Bliss,	25.69
1894, " 15, W. W. Miles,	131.55
" " 15, F. C. Archibald,	11.25
" " 15, F. C. Southgate,	46.83
" " 15, F. L. Fish,	60.75
" " 15, J. E. Cushman,	228.29
" " 24, W. W. Stickney,	77.53
" " 27, J. C. Jones,	580.88
" " 27, J. E. Cushman,	71.97
1896, Oct. 19, J. C. Enright,	165.63
" " 22, E. L. Bates,	205.12
" " 22, F. L. Fish,	68.11
" Nov. 6, R. E. Brown,	31.00
" " 18, Z. S. Stanton,	58.13
" " 18, J. C. Jones,	211.27
" " 18, O. S. Annis,	54.72
" " 18, W. W. Taylor,	59.44

The itemized accounts for the above amounts are filed with this report.

The judges of the supreme court have received from the treasury since December 1, 1898, no money in excess of what the statute gives them.

The State Geologist and Curator: Section No. 228 V. S., gives the State Geologist not to exceed \$50, for postage, stationery and printed blanks.

Section 230, V. S., gives him as Curator the same compensation as a member of the General Assembly.

Section 231, V. S., appropriates an annual sum of \$500, to be expended by the Curator for procuring new specimens and taking care of the cabinet.

Section 5228, V. S. "The State Geologist shall receive the same pay as a member of the General Assembly."

No. 7 of the Acts of 1896 requires the State Geologist during the next two years to personally inspect the mines and quarries now in operation within the State; also deposits of minerals and requires him to incorporate in his biennial report the results of said inspection, showing as far as possible the quantity and quality of our marble, granite, slate, soap-stone, copper and other mineral products; the extent of our mines and quarries and the methods of working the same. He shall also make as full a statement as possible of the undeveloped mineral deposits of promising value, incidentally reporting unused water powers in the vicinity of said deposits.

Section 3 of said Act "For the prosecution of this work there shall be appropriated the sum of \$1,500 annually for a period of two years."

Your committee finds by the vouchers of G. W. Perry that he has received from the treasury since December 1, 1896, the following sums:

For traveling expenses,	\$ 218.94
" express charges,	2.05
" material,	19.97
For specimens purchased,	\$188.09
" postage,	73.10
" photographs,	10.00