STATE LIBRARY OHIO

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF STATE LIBRARY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
COLUMBUS, April 26, 1854.

Hon. JAMES MYERS, *President of the Senate*—

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you, the report of the Commissioners of the Ohio State Library, with the request that you will lay the same before the Senate.

Although a commissioner, I have omitted to sign the report for the reason that the condition of my health and the shortness of the period that will intervene before the adjournment, render it impossible for me to examine its details.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,
W. MEDILL.

To the General Assembly of Ohio:

The Commissioners of the Ohio State Library respectfully submit to your honorable body the following

REPORT:

Their last report embraced the years 1850 and 1851, this for the years 1852 and 1853, and nearly to the date hereof.

In the last Commissioners' report, it was stated that there was due from J. H. Riley & Co, of Columbus, $676 80, but on a settlement of their account, it appeared that there was due from them only $604 25, which has been paid.

It was also reported that there was due from Isaac N. Whiting, of Columbus, $31,20, which sum has been paid in Ohio Reports.

There was also reported as due from Huntington & MacIntire, of Columbus, $482 40; this amount was not correct:

It should have been		$546 15
For which there had been returned 179 vols. Ohio Reports		429 60
Leaving a balance due from them of		$116 55
On which there has been received, sinne their failure, in three dividends, from the sale of their effects		44 28
Leaving yet a balance due from them, which will probably be a loss to the State of		$72 27
It was also reported as due from J. F. Desilver, of Cincinnati, the sum of		785 25
This amount was not correct; it should have been		817 65
And Ohio Reports subsequently received for sale to the amount of		197 63
Making a total of his indebtedness to the State, of		$1,015 28
On a settlement with him it was found he was entitled to the following credits, to wit:		
Books previously received in exchange	$62 00	
Binding 10 vols. Ohio Reports	5 00	
Bill of Books for the Code Commissioners	69 55	
Stationery furnished S. Williams for transcribing field notes, April 29, 1851	28 55	
Amount of Ohio Reports returned	325 07	
		$490 17
Balance due from him on settlement, of		$525 11
This amount has been discharged in compliance with a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, passed March 7, 1853, requiring the Commissiones to compound and settle his account on the same terms that his other creditors settled their demands with him, which was 25 per cent. on the amount of the debt, by which there has been received	$131 28	
Leaving a loss to the State of	393 83	
		$525 11
H. W. Derby & Co., of Cincinnati, were reported as indebted to the State	$45 00	
There was an error to that amount in the prices charged for Ohio Reports, which has been corrected, and the account balanced.		
The account against F. Harris & Co., of Xenia, for		$43 20
Has been settled by the payment in money, of	$24 00	
And the balance by the return of 8 vols. Ohio Reports	19 20	
		$43 20
The amount reported as due from Parsons & Co., of Elyria	$290 40	
Has not yet been settled or paid, efforts to that effect have as yet been unavailing.		

On a settlement with Mr. Greiner, a former Librarian, it did not appear that any amount was due from him, and that claim was balanced.

There have been drawn from appropriations through the Auditor of State during the last two years:

For Books	$167 00	
For Newspapers and Periodicals	83 00	
		$250 00
For transportation of Books	$61 81	
For making shelves and repairs in the Library	30 48	
		$92 29
Thomas Kennedy for assistance in Library	$91 00	
Postage	38 80	
		$129 80
Carpeting for the Library	36 03	
For watering the street	9 00	
		$45 03
Rent of room under a Resolution of the General Assembly	$30 00	
Cash to purchase books in Boston and New York	1,600 00	
		$2,147 12
Balance of appropriation of 1851 not drawn	$91 26	
Appropriations for 1852 and 1853	2,000 00	
		$2,091 26
Amount overdrawn, to be charged to the appropriation for 1854		$55 86

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE STATE LIBRARY FOR THE YEARS 1852 AND 1853, AND TO NEARLY THE DATE HEREOF.

RECEIPTS.

From H. W. King, former Secretary of State, the balance in his hands at the date of the last report	$268 77	
From J. H. Riley & Co., their old account	604 25	
" J. H. Riley & Co., for Ohio Reports sold by them since their old account	213 75	
From Harris & Co., of Xenia, for their old accouut	24 00	
" the trustees of Huntington & MacIntire, on the old account	44 28	
From J. F. Desilver, his old account, settled in compliance with a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, passed March 7, 1853	131 28	
Amount in money received through the Auditor of State from the appropriations of 1852 and 1853, as stated above	1,600 00	
Amount received for Ohio Reports and Laws sold	1,388 19	
		$4,274 52

DISBURSEMENTS

Exclusive of those paid out of Appropriations.

Paid premium on $800 for drafts on New York to purchase books	$6 00	
Paid for 33 sets of the first ten volumes of Ohio Reports, (some of which are very scarce, and nearly out of print,) Marshall's Kentucky Reports, &c., in exchange for more recent Ohio Reports, and is included in the above amount of 1,388 19, for Ohio Reports and Laws sold	532 10	
This exchange for the early Ohio Reports has been made by the advice of the Attorney General.		
Paid J. H. Riley an old account 1851, and previous to April 1852, principally for law reports and stationery for the Attorney General	94 90	
Paid Mr. Rice for services on settling the old accounts, and his expenses to Cincinnati on that business	36 50	
Paid amount of sundry bills for books purchased, other than those paid for in exchange for Ohio Reports, as above stated	2,259 88	
Paid expenses of the Librarian to New York and Boston to purchase books in the years 1852 and 1853	135 75	
Paid Thomas Kennedy for services as assistant Librarian from June 1852 to Dec. 31, 1853, except during the last session of the General Assembly, which was paid by a special appropriation	328 25	
Paid Post Office, from June 1, 1851 to April 1, 1853	7 93	
" Transportation of books	13 00	
" Watering street	10 50	
" to Boswell & Son for case of shelves for bound newspapers	13 53	
Paid for newspapers and periodicals	107 63	
" M. C. Lilley for binding newspapers, laws and documents	46 00	
Paid for room rent under a Resolution of the General Assembly	50 00	
		$3,641 97
Balance in the hands of Elijah Hayward, State Librarian, Feb. 23, 1854, to which time his account has been rendered	$95 37	
Balance in the hands of Wm. Trevitt, Secretary of State, April 1, 1854, to which time his account has been rendered	537 18	
		$632 55
		$4,274 52

In the purchase of books for the State Library, it has been a leading object of the commissioners, so far as the funds provided would admit, besides those of the law department, to make selections principally from the standard works of literature, and very few from the ephemeral productions of the day. Since the last report, exclusive of books purchased in exchange for Ohio Reports, there have been added to the library about two thousand three hundred and sixty volumes, of which, about 1,260 volumes appropriately belong to the literary department, and about 1,100 volumes to that of Jurisprudence.

The additions to the literary department for the last two years, have been made, almost exclusively of the standard and permanent works of American History, general and local, Foreign History, Voyages and Travel, Theology and Biography, a portion of which are of ancient date, and not easily obtained, besides some of the other branches of literary science.

In the additions to the department of Jurisprudence, are included the law and chancery reports of the United States, and of the several States, English Law and Chancery Reports, American treatises of law and chancery, of miscellaneous legal subjects and works on practice; the Laws, Journals and Public Documents of the United States and of the several States, and some of the proceedings of the British Parliament. A small portion of these volumes have been received from the United States and the several States, in exchange for the Laws, Journals, Public Documents and Legal Reports of this State.

WM. TREVITT, *Secretary of State,*
ELIJAH HAYWARD, *Librarian.*

COLUMBUS, April 15, 1854.