

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

OHIO STATE LIBRARY,



TO THE

GOVERNOR OF OHIO.

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

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COMMISSIONERS OF THE OHIO STATE LIBRARY.

HONORABLE SALMON P. CHASE,

Governor of the State of Ohio :

The Commissioners of the State Library report that the present Librarian took charge of the books and papers in June last, and, that under his direction, no important transactions have been had.

A statement of his receipts and disbursements, with an account received by him from James W. Taylor, late Librarian, is appended.

The Commissioners would respectfully represent, that no catalogue of the State Library has been published since 1848, and, that, in the meantime, many books have been added, some have been lost, and others damaged. There are registered in the Library 18,123 volumes. In June, 1849, there were on the register 10,873. There was no appropriation made last year, and the Librarian has been without the necessary means of paying subscriptions against the Library, for periodicals and newspapers, or of having the same bound, as the law provides.

An account of subscriptions due for journals and magazines, ordered by the late Librarian, is submitted.

Files of leading journals, State and National, are consulted oftener, and with more interest, than any other works in the Library, and the Librarian would respectfully suggest that incomplete files of valuable papers and magazines should be made perfect.

For several years, unbound pamphlets, State documents and laws, received in exchange, have been deposited in the Library. They are valuable, and ought to be assorted and prepared for a place upon the shelves. A suitable appropriation might be advantageously employed for such a purpose, and for binding classified volumes of reports from our different State departments.

In making appropriations for the Library, it would be well to bear in mind that it is not rich in local history, and that various pamphlets, documents, manuscripts

and journals might be obtained, which would considerably increase its value. It would also be well to remember that the Law department is not as complete as the Judges of the Supreme Court think it might be, or, as in comparison with other departments, it ought to be.

The appropriations of late years have been devoted exclusively to the increase of the Library; the contingent fund having been depended upon to meet necessary incidental expenses. This contingent fund arises from the sale of Ohio Reports. There is at present but little demand for volumes which the State can sell.

A statement of the relative number under the care of the Librarian accompanies this Report.

But few of the documents published by Congress, in late years, have been received. Important sets are imperfect. It might be suggested to our Senators and Representatives that the State Library should not be omitted from their distributing lists.

From the Executive Department of the National Government, and from a number of the Executives of the States, valuable exchanges have been received.

A list is annexed, together with a list of donations.

The importance of hastening arrangements for the removal of the Library to the Hall in the State House need not be urged. It is understood and appreciated by all who are in the habit of visiting the present inconvenient, uncomfortable and unsafe rooms.

If the work upon the Library Room in the State House is pushed with vigor, it may be finished in time for the Librarian to report to the next Legislature, that the Library has been properly catalogued and classified in the permanent alcoves.

It is for the present General Assembly to provide the means by which this may be accomplished, in a style corresponding to the Hall in which the Library is to be placed, and to the intelligence and public spirit of the people to whom it belongs.

The Librarian desires thoroughly to acquaint himself with the best libraries of leading institutions of learning, and of principal cities, before preparing a system of arrangement for the new Hall, and respectfully submits a request for the necessary authority.

SALMON P. CHASE, Governor,
JAMES H. BAKER, Secretary of State,
WILLIAM T. COGGESHALL, Librarian.

Commissioners Ohio State Library.

COLUMBUS, November 15, 1856.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM JUNE 1856.

W. T. Coggeshall in account with the Ohio State Library.

RECEIPTS.

1856.						
June 1,	From James W. Taylor, late Librarian, by draft on H. W. Derby for books.....	430	70			
	From C. H. Parsons, for Ohio Reports (11 vols.)....	26	40			
	“ “ “ “ Laws (12 vols.).....	6	00			
	“ Secretary of State proceeds Contingent Fund deposited by James W. Taylor	24	00			
	Amount Appropriation unexpended June 1, 1856...	00	00			
						<u>\$487 10</u>
Aug. 6.	Bill of Books Bought of H. W. Derby.....	\$111	19			
Sept. 15.	“ “ “ “ “ “	6	36			
“ 27.	“ “ “ “ “ “	10	17			
Nov. 3.	“ “ “ “ “ “	17	11			
Dec. 6.	“ “ “ “ “ “	26	90			
						<u>\$271 73</u>

Nov. 15.	Paid John Poste and Thomas Kennedy for services in Library	38	00			
	Paid for Percussion Press.....	5	00			
	Expenses to Cincinnati on business for Library.....	10	50			
	Express, Drayage and Freight	5	25			
	Incidental Expenses, repairing locks &c.....	1	75			
	Two bound vols. Blackwood Mag.....	4	50			
	Draft on Auditor of State for vol. II Benton's 30 years	2	50			
	“ “ “ “ Ladies Repository.....	2	00			
	“ “ “ “ Map of Franklin Co.....	5	00			
	“ “ “ “ Postage for Library to Jan 1st 1857	22	60			
						<u>\$368 83</u>

Due from H. W. Derby & Co. on due bill.. \$158 97
 Drafts on Auditor of State..... \$32 10

James W. Taylor in account with the Contingent Fund (proceeds of Ohio Reports) of Ohio State Library.

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To amount received from J. H. Riley & Co. as per bill rendered from proceeds of sale of Ohio Reports					\$176	25
To amount received on same account from H. W. Derby & Co.....					607	10
To sale of vol. 1 Ohio State Reports.....					3	00
To amount received from S. H. Burr & Co.....					24	00
“ “ “ “					24	00
“ “ “ “ J. N. Whiting					110	30
						<u>\$944 65</u>

Laws of Pennsylvania, 1856.

Maryland Reports, 1854-5.

Industry of Massachusetts, 1855.

Transactions Connecticut Agricultural Society, 1855.

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Journal Connecticut House Representatives, 1856.

Acts, Resolves, General Assembly Rhode Island, 1856.

Rhode Island Reports, 1856.

Laws of Virginia, 1855-6.

Fourteenth Annual Report Board of Education, City of New York.

Acts and Resolutions General Assembly of Florida, 1855.

Senate and House Journal, " "

Reports of Cases Supreme Court, " "

Transactions Illinois Agricultural Society, 1853-4.

Journal Senate and House of Representatives, New Hampshire, 1855.

" " Connecticut, 1856.

Public Acts " "

Report Superintendent Common Schools, Connecticut, 1856.

Rhode Island Colonial Records, 1636-63.

Laws of Vermont, 1855.

Vermont Reports.

Journal House Representatives, Vermont, 1855.

Geological Survey of Missouri.

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Oregon Session Laws, 1855-6.

" Journal House Representatives, 1855-6.

" Legislative Council, "

Texas Reports.

" Digest.

Missouri Report, Jones.

Vermont " Williams.

Statutes of California, 1856.

California Assembly Journal, 7th Session, 1856.

Appendix to California Assembly Journal, 7th Session, 1856.

STATEMENT CONCERNING OHIO REPORTS.

From No. 1 to No. 10, re-printed by H. W. Derby, not on sale by the State.

Several hundred each, of Volumes 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Volumes 15 and 18, only sold when a whole set is ordered.

Volumes 17 and 19, ought not to be sold at all. There are no more than are required for the uses of the State.