

REPORT

From the Joint Library Committee of Congress, relative to application of the appropriations for purchase of Books, &c. from 18th July, 1821, to 16th May, 1826.

The Joint Library Committee beg leave to report:

That, by a statement of the vouchers of the account of Joseph Nourse, Esq., Agent of the Joint Library Committee, No. 42,877, dated Auditor's Office, 18th of July, 1821, it appears that there was a balance in his hands, as per former report, No. 40,357, of \$ 134 98
And that he received on Treasury Warrant No. 8,464,
dated 22d of April, 1820, - - - - 1,000 00

2,134 98

And that he was entitled to credit on the same, for payments from the 18th of March, 1820, to 10th April, 1821, on orders drawn by the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, to the amount of - - 1,615 97

Leaving a balance against him of - - - \$ 519 01

NOTE.—By the printed report of the Joint Library Committee, of the 19th December, 1820, it appears that there was due from the Agent, on the 17th November, 1820, a balance of \$ 1,392 76; which arose from allowing him credit for orders paid, to the amount of \$742 22, but which orders had not been returned to the Treasury Department; and which, when so returned, formed a part of the above credit of \$ 1,615 97, which is explained in the letter of the Agent of the 17th November, 1820, filed with the said report of the Committee. If the residue of the sum of \$ 1,615 97, after deducting from it the sum of \$742 22, to wit: the sum of \$ 873 75. be deducted from the sum of \$ 1,392 76, it leaves a balance as above, of \$ 519 01

By a report No. 45,012, dated Auditor's Office, 10th of December, 1822, it appears that the Agent is charged with the above balance of - - - \$ 519 01

And, also, with the amount of Warrant No. 1,504, dated 19th April, 1822, for - - - 1,000 00

1,519 01

And that he was credited for the amount of payments on orders drawn upon him by the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, from the 11th April, 1821, to 6th May, 1822, - - - - - 825 22

Leaving a balance of - - - - - 693 79

By a report of the 27th March, 1823, No. 45,410, the Agent is charged with the above balance of - - - \$ 693 79

And by amount of Warrant, No. 72, dated 14th January, 1823, for - - - - - 1,000 00

1,693 79

And he is credited with the payment of orders of the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, from December 26th, 1822, to the 1st of March, 1823, to the amount of - - - - - 1,432 14

Leaving a balance against him of - - - - - 261 65

By the Auditor's report, No. 49,856, dated 23d January, 1826, it appears that the Agent is charged with the above balance of 261 65 And with Treasury Warrants. for the sums following :

No. 3,835, dated 26th December, 1823, - - - 2,000 00

4,552, 28th May, 1824, - - - 5,000 00

5,294, 3d March, 1825, - - - 5,000 00

12,261 65

And that he is entitled to credit on said account, by amount of payments from the 27th February, 1823, to 25th December, 1825, on orders drawn by the Chairman of the Joint Library Committee, - - - 11,751 12

Leaving a balance against him of - - - - - 510 53

Consisting, as by the Agent's account of cash in his hands, - - - - - \$ 239 38

Money in the hands of sub-agents in Europe, 271 15 \$ 510 53

The above accounts have been duly audited and settled at the Treasury Department, where the original vouchers and papers are filed ; copies of which have been furnished to the Joint Library Committee, as well as copies of the letters explaining the transactions connected with the purchase of books in Europe, by order of the Committee—all of which are herewith submitted.

M. DICKERSON,

Chairman of the Joint Library Committee of Congress.

May 16, 1826.