

mittee think that he ought to receive one hundred dollars more. He thinks he ought to get more than that.

The question being then taken, the order was adopted, upon a division—ayes 45, noes not counted.

Mr. VALLIANT. I have another order of a similar character. I confess that I submit it with a great deal of reluctance, not because I do not think that the party is justly entitled to receive what is proposed in this order, but because it somewhat resembles some proceedings of this convention which have not met my entire approbation. But I think that the explanation I can give will fully satisfy every member of this convention that the order should be adopted. The order is as follows:

Ordered, That the committee on accounts be, and they are hereby instructed to pay to Mr. Daniel M. Moore, the sum of two hundred dollars, for extra services rendered, for indexing the works of this convention."

About the time this convention was organized, Mr. Moore proposed to index the constitution, the journal of debates, and the journal of proceedings for the sum of five hundred dollars. Or rather, he wanted a much larger sum than that, but finally consented to take the sum of five hundred dollars. There was some little difficulty about the employment of Mr. Moore; the only difficulty was that another person had offered to do the same, and some other work for the same sum. We did not give it to the other person because we did not think he could do all the work. We finally contracted with Mr. Moore to do the indexing for three hundred dollars, with the understanding on the part of every member of the committee I believe, that we would recommend to this convention that he be paid a larger sum, if we deemed his services to be worth more.

The indexing the work of the last convention was done for the sum of eight hundred dollars, at a time when gold was at par. The work of this convention is much larger than that of the last convention; that is, the work of indexing. The debates of the last convention amounted to about nine hundred or one thousand pages; the number of pages of our journal of debates will not be less than sixteen hundred or seventeen hundred, and if eight hundred dollars was a fair compensation for indexing the debates of the last convention, twelve or fourteen hundred dollars would not be more than a fair compensation for our indexing. Yet the committee have determined not to pay Mr. Moore so much as that, but to pay him in all five hundred dollars, which is three hundred dollars less than was paid for indexing the work of the convention of 1851.

It is my honest conviction, from a careful investigation, that five hundred dollars is not a fair compensation to Mr. Moore, and he is not willing to do it for that, only he has con-

tracted to do it. It is my judgment that he is entitled to more than that. The majority of the committee, however, would not consent to give him more. Perhaps I ought not to mention that. The committee are unanimous in their recommendation to give Mr. Moore this additional two hundred dollars.

Mr. THOMAS. I move to strike out "two hundred," and insert "three hundred."

Mr. MILLER. Does that include the indexing of the journal of proceedings as well as the journal of debates?

Mr. VALLIANT. Yes, sir.

Mr. MILLER. I understand that the indexing of the journal of debates of 1850 cost eight hundred dollars.

Mr. VALLIANT. The indexing of all the work of the convention of 1850: by that I mean the journal of debates, the journal of proceedings, and the constitution. The indexer then received eight hundred dollars in gold, or what was tantamount to gold. We propose to give Mr. Moore five hundred dollars; that is, we have already contracted to give him three hundred dollars, and we propose now to give him two hundred more.

Mr. MILLER. If the indexer of the convention received eight hundred dollars, he received more than he ought. There were but a few pages of index, which I think could have been made out by a competent person in a week's time.

Mr. VALLIANT. From 1850 to the present time, the smallest amount paid for indexing the journals of the generally assembly has been four hundred and fifty dollars, and from that amount up to seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The question was then taken upon the motion of Mr. THOMAS to strike out "two hundred," and insert "three hundred," which was not agreed to.

The question recurred upon the original order.

Mr. MAYHUGH called for the yeas and nays upon this question, but they were not ordered.

The question was then taken, and upon a division—ayes 41, noes not counted—the order was adopted.

BOUND COPIES OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. VALLIANT, from the committee on reporting and printing, made the following report:

The committee on reporting and printing, to whom was referred the order offered September 2, 1864, by Mr. GREENE, of Alleghany, very respectfully beg leave to report, that after mature deliberation they have concluded that said order ought not to be adopted, and herewith offer the following instead thereof:

Ordered, That the comptroller of the treasury be authorized, and is hereby directed to contract with Mr. Richard P. Bayly, of An-