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Of the Committee on Finance.

(Continued from our last.)

<p>Dr. The State of Georgia in account with sundry persons in the public service, &c. agreeably to the Accounts, &c. paid by the Executive and reported to the Legislature.</p> <p>February 8, 1821—Alexander G. etc. for nailing planks around the public square,</p> <p>May 21—James Bozenan, for a Digest of Taxable Property in Milledgeville County, for 1813 and 1814, to enable Scott Clay to collect the Direct Tax,</p> <p>James Marshall, for Book Cases and Pine Table, for Secretary of States' Office,</p> <p>June 4—Low, Wallace & Co. for Brass Pulleys, Wood Screws, Brads and Sash Cords, 2 20 & 1 54</p> <p>Patrick Curley, for cleaning out the Well on government Lot,</p> <p>Moses Moore, tax Collector, from Twiggs County, for additional Insolvent List,</p> <p>William J. Hobby, for a Blank Book,</p> <p>July 26—Ford & Whitaker, for comparing original certified draws of late Land Lottery with printed list, to ascertain who had not been published—35 days at \$5 a day, each,</p> <p>September 1—R. A. Greene, for scouring the Privy House six times, nailing up plank around State House Square</p> <p>Carroll & Barrow, for two cases Pen Knives,</p> <p>October 2—Wm. J. Hobby, for Green Binding, narrow Ribbon, and stage hire,</p> <p>R. A. Greene, for Racks in Arsenal for hanging cartouch boxes,</p> <p>T. S. Hammon, for Printing sundry resolutions &c. &c.</p> <p>Samuel W. Minor, do do do</p> <p>G. T. Dortic, for notice to fortunate drawers in Lottery, and publishing convention resolution</p> <p>Wiley & Baxter, for tw brass Candlesticks, Snuffers, Fire Irons, Pad Locks and Tape,</p> <p>Joseph Hodges, for conveying to Executive returns of persons entitled to draws from Bullock County</p> <p>Wm. J. Hobby, for green Binding, 1000 Stout Nails, and stage hire,</p> <p>November 3—Elisha Wood, for Pibb's, taking Testimony, subscription to Alabama paper and stage hire,</p> <p>Wm. Thomas, for \$531 12 1-2 received from Appleton Hoagster, & balance of his amount \$252 63 7/8</p> <p>John Marlow, for materials furnished, and repairs to the State House,</p> <p>S. Whitaker and H. A. Wood, for printing Tickets for Land Lottery,</p> <p>George R. Clayton, for Postage of Letters, and binding of Indian's Treasury Checks,</p> <p>R. A. Greene, for scouring Passage, Stairs, and Executive Chamber, putting down in the sinks, and cleaning up the yard,</p> <p>F. & H. A. Wood, for Nails & Wood Screws for repairing State House,</p> <p>Beter Fair, junr. for Riding Expenses to John Humphries, Jones County,</p>	<p>\$7 50</p> <p>\$ 60</p> <p>12 50</p> <p>72 50</p> <p>1 54</p> <p>9</p> <p>18 99</p> <p>49 82</p> <p>13 50</p> <p>350</p> <p>8 50</p> <p>20</p> <p>28 50</p> <p>9 25</p> <p>12</p> <p>67 59 1/2</p> <p>81 81 1/2</p> <p>12 75</p> <p>10</p> <p>7</p> <p>456 41</p> <p>20 12 1/2</p> <p>783 75</p> <p>213 49</p> <p>666 85</p> <p>41 68 1/2</p> <p>39 75</p> <p>3 45 1/2</p> <p>8</p> <p>1777 11</p> <p>\$ 553 34</p>
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<p>December 23 1820—Elisha Wood by warrant drawn in his favour for incidental contingent expenses,</p> <p>Better's sum returned by Commissioners of Indian Treaty,</p> <p>Better's sum do do or paid to William Thomas by Appleton Hoagster out of the sum advanced to purchase lime, &c.</p>	<p>500</p> <p>1212</p> <p>551 12 1/2</p> <p>224</p> <p>310 34</p>
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The committee on Finance can not deliver up their report, without advertising a communication from his Excellency the Governor, dated, Executive Department, Georgia, Milledgeville, 5th of December, 1821. This communication was occasioned by an address from Peck's Row, Esq. Chairman of the Committee of Finance calling upon the Governor for information on several points, "which were deemed indispensable to the faithful performance of their duty." His Excellency obeyed the call of the committee, through their constitutional organ, the Chairman—Such obedience might be supposed fully to satisfy the requirements of the case. But in the particular, under the consideration of your committee, the manner seems so much to invade the substance, as to require a solemn expression of opinion, and of the reasons upon which such opinion is founded. Your committee, therefore, in relation to the scruples which his Excellency entertains concerning the formality of the call of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, consider themselves bound to declare that whenever a Committee is raised by the

solemn appointment of both branches of the Legislature, for a specific purpose, the Legislature is conceived to bestow the authority and means necessary to the discharge of the duties enjoined and the labour required. This is deemed especially true of the Committee on Finance. Their seat at the Treasury Board, their direct and constant inquisition into the Treasury, their practice of demanding from the Treasurer and Comptroller, without an order of the Legislature, any and every information, which becomes needful in the course of their investigations, in so intricate a field, as that of the public accounts : in the opinion of your Committee makes it equally fit, as it is clearly necessary, to have an easy and direct communication, with the Executive through the Chairman upon subjects touching his participation and concern in the expenditure of the funds of the State : in the examination of which subject, some new explanations may be found material at every step of the enquiry. So much for the expediency of the practice claimed to be proper by your committee. For the authority of precedent, they refer to the usage of the standing committees in Congress, where it is believed it will be discovered that the Chairman of those Committees, constantly resorts by direct application to the various sources afforded by the Departments of Government, for all information connected with the performance of their assigned duties. Had there been more difficulty in vindicating the course taken by the Chairman of this committee, in this particular instance, upon general principles, all doubt of its propriety vanishes from the minds of your committee, when they recollect that the Governor in his "statement of warrants, drawn upon the Treasury," communicated to both branches of the Legislature, and which was referred to your committee, particularly adverts to certain vouchers, as of file in the Executive Office, and upon which certain warrants contained in the statements were founded. This reference to those vouchers, your committee conceives was an invitation to them to apply for and receive them agreeably to the indication in the communication of his Excellency, if an examination thereof should become useful to a complete understanding of the documents and statements submitted to their consideration.

The Committee beg leave further to report, that as far as relates to his Excellency's reply to the fourth and last requisition in the note addressed to him by the Chairman of this Committee, relative to the disbursement of Fifteen Thousand Dollars in the late Indian Treaty, they have agreeably to his Excellency's suggestion, referred to this communication, and documents upon that subject, laid before the extra session of the Legislature, and their proceedings thereon. A careful inspection of that communication and those documents, has not satisfied the committee upon the points, their embarrassment upon which, induced the call made through the Chairman. The documents referred to only disclose to your committee the portion of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, which was paid to the Indians without designating whether the money was paid to the Chiefs, or to the use of the whole Nation, and without specifying to which of the Chiefs the money had been disbursed, or how much to each. These were points upon which the committee desired to be informed ; and upon these points they remain still unascertained.