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*To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Twenty-first General Assembly:*

GENTLEMEN—The Twentieth General Assembly adopted the following, known as Chapter 140, Laws 1884:

CHAPPER 140.

FOR CARE OF NEW CAPITOL.

AN ACT Providing for the Care and Management of the New Capitol.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That after the adjournment of the present General Assembly the capitol buildings and grounds shall be under the exclusive control of the Board of Capitol Commissioners until the building shall have been completed and accepted by the General Assembly, and until some other provision shall have been made by law for the control and management thereof; *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent any officer or board occupying rooms in said building from having the entire control thereof.

SEC. 2. The said Board of Commissioners shall make all suitable provisions for the heating, lighting, ventilating, cleaning and care of said building; shall cause the rooms that are furnished to be kept cleaned and in proper order for use at all times and see that all parts of the building are kept in good repair; shall make all necessary provisions for the admittance of visitors to all furnished parts of the building during business hours, by furnishing the proper escort therefor; *Provided*, The senate chamber and the hall of the house of representatives shall not be used for any purpose whatever except for legislative purposes.

SEC. 3. The said Board of Commissioners shall at the end of each month cause to be made an itemized report of the expenditure necessary in complying with the provisions of this act, and when such report shall have been approved by the superintendent of construction or such other person as

may have been appointed by the Board of Commissioners therefor, and by the Governor, it shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of State and warrant shall be issued on the State Treasurer for the amounts due the parties entitled thereto, as shown by said report, but such expense shall not be chargeable to the appropriation for completing and furnishing the building.

SEC. 4. The Board of Commissioners shall cause a report to be made to the General Assembly on the first day of the meeting thereof, which report shall contain an itemized statement of the expenditures necessary in complying with the provisions of this act, and shall in addition to the above report what provisions have been made for the care and management of the building during the session of the General Assembly, showing the number of men employed, for what purpose and the price to be paid per day, which provision shall continue until changed by order of the two houses of the General Assembly.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 3, 1884.

In pursuance of the requirements of the above, the Board of Commissioners, at the first regular meeting, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Capitol Commissioners be appointed custodian of the capitol building, and is hereby authorized to make all suitable provisions in labor and material for the heating, lighting, ventilating, cleaning, care and repairs of said building, also the necessary labor and material for keeping the furnished rooms properly cleaned and in good order for use at all times; to appoint the necessary guides for the benefit of visitors, and guards for patrolling the corridors when necessary.

He shall make at the end of each month the itemized report of necessary expenditures required in section 3 of chapter 140, laws 1884, and is hereby appointed and authorized to approve the same to the Auditor of State in lieu of the Superintendent of Construction.

He shall also make the report required in section 4 of said act, for the Board to present to the next General Assembly.

As required by the above resolution, the Secretary took charge of the finished portions of the building.

The Secretary was required to perform all the duties of Secretary and Assistant Superintendent in addition to the duties of custodian required by chapter 140, without any increased compensation, and was paid out of the appropriation for the new capitol.

At the regular meeting in November, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pay of the custodian of the new capitol as provided for by resolution of this Board of May 8, 1884, be two hundred dollars per month from and after the first day of December, 1885.

The salary provided in the above resolution is the same that has been paid the Secretary. The only change made is that this salary will be paid under chapter 140, and not out of the appropriation for the new capitol. His duties remain the same as Secretary and Assistant Superintendent.

The report of the custodian showing the expenditures in detail, and the arrangements for the care of the building during the session of the General Assembly, which is approved by the Commissioners is hereto attached. Your attention is respectfully invited to it.

The Commissioners fitted up the rooms in the northwest corner of the basement story for a restaurant and made a contract with Banby Bros., of Des Moines, to run the same subject to any action of the General Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. R. SHERMAN.
JOHN G. FOOTE.
R. S. FINKBINE.
PETER A. DEY.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN.

Report of the Secretary of the Board of Capitol Commissioners to the Board, as required by a resolution adopted May 8, 1884, exhibiting in detail the expenditures made necessary by chapter 140, Laws 1884:

To the Board of Capitol Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—As required by a resolution of your Board, adopted May the 8th, 1884, I have the honor to herewith submit my report as custodian of the finished portions of the building from April 3, 1884, to December 31, 1885, showing in detail the expenditures made necessary and authorized by chapter 140, Laws of 1884.

At an informal meeting held by a majority of the members of the Board, April 3, 1884, I, as Secretary of the Board, was directed to take charge of the finished portions of the building, appoint the necessary police and janitor force to protect, clean and take proper care thereof, also the necessary guides for visitors.

At the regular meeting held May 8, the action of the members of the Board as above stated was ratified, and the building put in charge of the Secretary of the Board until further action of the General Assembly, or the Board of Commissioners.

I appointed *Mr. G. W. Beall* chief of the police force, had him appointed a special policeman by the mayor of the city, and required him to wear a police badge or star, and police uniform.

I gave him general charge of the police force of the building, and to some extent of the janitorial force and the regulation of the temperature.

I deem it due to him to say that he has performed the duties assigned him to my entire satisfaction, and so far as I have been able to learn, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He managed, with his assistants, the thousands who visited the capitol during the State Fair and the many excursions from various parts of the State, the

majority of whom went to the dome lantern, without a single accident, and to the satisfaction of all. I agreed to pay him \$2.50 per day, and gave him permission to sell cigars, tobacco and views, provided that in no case should that interfere with his duties as chief of police, all peddling being prohibited. During the State Fair I gave him nine assistants as police guides for visitors and check men for the baggage room, which I found a necessity, as thousands came to the building direct from the railroads, carrying their baggage with them, which they could deposit in the check room during the time they were in the building.

The steam heating apparatus has been under the supervision of *Mr. F. E. Wilson*, by an arrangement of your Board with the contractors, as the work has not as yet been accepted. He has employed all the firemen and given the matter as much of his personal attention as was necessary to keep the apparatus in order.

I would call your attention to the statements hereto attached for the amount of labor employed, the wages paid, and other expenditures made necessary in complying with your orders.

Chapter 140, laws of 1884, requires your Board "to cause a report to be made to the General Assembly on the first day of the meeting thereof showing what provisions have been made for the care and management of the building during the session of the General Assembly, showing the number of men employed, for what purpose, and the prices to be paid per day."

I find this a very difficult question to settle, to determine just how many men it will take to keep the building in proper condition during the session. The rooms and corridors must all be kept clean and the proper temperature maintained at all times. Most, if not all, the cleaning, scrubbing and dusting must be attended to during the night time, when the members are all out of the building. This will necessarily require a much larger force than if it could be performed during the day. The cellar and tunnel must be kept clean, the steps and sidewalks around and on the capitol grounds must be kept clear from snow and mud. To determine now just how many men they will require is next to impossible. I will submit the following for your consideration, and if approved, will endeavor to carry it out as near as the circumstances will permit.

Put *Mr. G. W. Beall* in charge of the corridors and halls of the House and Senate. He to see that proper order is kept in the corridors at all times, in the halls of the House and Senate, when not in

session; that the corridors and halls of the House and Senate are kept at a proper temperature during the session; to be at the building at 7 o'clock, A. M., and remain until the building is closed. Pay during session, \$3 per day.

Put one man with four assistants in charge of the cleaning of the hall of the House of Representatives and all rooms, corridors, galleries and stairs on the second and third floor north of the dome, except the ladies' gallery and corridor thereto.

Put one man with four assistants in charge of the cleaning of the Senate chamber, and all rooms, corridors, galleries and stairs in the second and third floors, south of the dome, except the ladies' gallery and the corridor thereto.

Put one man with two assistants in charge of the cleaning of the rooms and corridors on the third floor and all rooms on the second floor of the east projection, including the ladies' gallery.

Put one woman in charge of the ladies' corridor and rooms on second floor.

Put one man during the day and one during the night to clean second story rotunda and grand stairs. The day man to be subject to orders from *Mr. Beall*.

Put one man during the day and two during the night to clean first story rotunda, grand stairs to landing, north and south stairs to second story, and east and west steps.

Put two men during the day to clean basement floor, all stairs to first story and north steps.

Put one man during the day to clean and sprinkle cellar.

One man in dome to keep order, etc.

One man in Senate cloak room, subject to decision of Senate.

One man in House cloak room, subject to the decision of the House of Representatives.

One man on south elevator.

One man on north elevator.

One skilled mechanic for all work, repairs, etc.

All hands to assist in cleaning walks when required.

The man put in charge of the north and south ends and east projections to be in the building from 7 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock A. M. when necessary, and in addition to their other labors to see that the rooms under their charge are kept at the proper temperature. Their pay to be \$2.50 per day.

The pay of the skilled mechanic to be \$3.00 per day.

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One man on first story to have \$2.25 per day, and all others \$1.75.

All the above regulations subject to change by the custodian when deemed best.

You will see that the above arrangement requires 28 men, and one woman, with a daily expenditure of \$55.25; this in addition to the 8 men at boiler house, the wages of which will be \$14.25 per day, make a total daily expenditure of \$69.50.

Should it become evident that this number of men are not necessary to do the work properly, the number will be decreased, and if this number cannot do the work as it should be done, I shall take the responsibility of increasing the force. The men are all employed with the understanding that they must at all times obey orders, do good and faithful work, will be paid monthly, and subject to be discharged at any time, if their work is not satisfactory or their services not required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ED WRIGHT,

Secretary and Custodian.

Since the above report was prepared, *Mr. T. E. Wilson*, who superintended the putting of the heating apparatus in the building, and has had charge of it ever since, determined to resign, and asked that some other person be appointed to take charge, *Mr. Wilson* having started in business in the city, which has grown to such proportions as to render it impossible for him to give the capitol the attention he thought it should have.

The place thus made vacant has been filled by *Mr. N. W. Smith*, and the pay fixed at \$4.25 per day.

ED WRIGHT,

Secretary and Custodian.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Classified statement of expenditures made in taking care of the capitol as required by Chapter 140, Laws 1884, from April 4, 1884, to December 31, 1885.

Warming—		
Fuel.....	\$ 2,870.55	
Labor, firemen, etc.....	4,241.30	
	—————	\$ 7,111.85
Lighting—		
Gas.....	\$ 1,286.99	
Expenses other than gas.....	21.23	
	—————	\$ 1,308.22
Cleaning and caring for building, furniture and rooms—		
Labor.....	\$ 3,371.95	
Tools and material for cleaning.....	333.92	
	—————	\$ 3,705.87
Repairs—		
On building.....	\$ 37.10	
On furniture.....	2.75	
	—————	\$ 39.85
Police and watchman.....		2,222.38
Water for November and December, 1885.....		70.55
Miscellaneous.....		511.76
Custodian for December, 1885, paid out of building fund prior to December.....		200.00
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Total expenditures.....		\$ 15,170.48
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STATEMENT No. 2.

*Itemized statement of expenditures made in taking care of the Capitol as required
by Chapter 140, Laws 1884, from April 4, 1884, to December 31, 1885.*

Warming—

490 bushels coal at 8 cents.....	\$	39.20	
2,361 bushels coal at 6 cents.....		141.66	
1,269 bushels coal at 5 cents.....		63.45	
1,261 bushels coal at 3 2-5 cents.....		42.87	
16,511 bushels coal at 3 cents.....		495.33	
104,402 bushels coal at 2 cents.....		2,088.04	

	\$		2,870.55
8½ days labor at \$3.00.....	\$	25.50	
828 1-10 days labor at \$2.00.....		1,656.20	
785½ days labor at \$1.75.....		1,374.60	
790 days labor at 1.50.....		1,185.00	

	\$		4,241.30

Lighting—

111,200 feet gas at \$2.50.....	\$	278.00	
220,400 feet gas at 2.00.....		440.80	
269,900 feet gas at 2.10.....		568.19	

	\$		1,286.99
2 boxes wax tapers.....		.70	
2 gals. alcohol and gallon jug.....		5.05	
43½ lbs. sulphuric acid.....		2.40	
4½ gallon bottles.....		1.00	
30 lbs. salammoniac.....		6.50	
8 lbs bicarbonate of potash.....		1.76	
2½ gross matches.....		2.75	
Copper washers.....		.07	
20 feet ½ inch rubber hose.....		1.00	

	\$		21.23

Cleaning—

14 days janitor, at \$2.50.....	31.50	
544 days janitor, at 2.00.....	1,108.00	
1234 days janitor, at 1.75.....	2,159.50	
29 3-10 days wood finishers at \$2.50.....	72.95—\$	3,371.95
2 chamois skins.....	2.50	
2 cakes polishing soap.....	.40	
3 quarts Jarille soap.....	1.00	
1 dozen 16-quart granite pails.....	18.00	
1 barrel salt.....	1.40	
5 dozen extra carpet brooms.....	20.00	
5 dozen extra whisk brooms.....	10.00	
2 dozen 18-ostrich feather dusters.....	40.50	
125 pounds sal soda.....	3.35	
14½ pounds muriatic acid.....	.89	
1 dozen No. 1 Boston counter brushes.....	4.50	
¾ pounds pure rubber, for scrubs.....	3.24	
2 dozen mops and 5 cotton mops.....	3.75	
7 13-16 pounds best Florida S. W. sponges. . .	19.53	
200 feet ¾ 3-pound hose.....	27.34	
2 hose nozzles and sprinklers.....	1.80	
32 yards oil cloth.....	7.35	
1 flue brush.....	3.44	
5 hose couplings.....	.75	
1 lantern.....	.90	
1 coal hod.....	.75	
1 ice cutter.....	.25	
6 handles and 6 extensions.....	2.25	
60½ yards cotton flannel.....	4.22	
19 pairs coarse blankets.....	28.50	
4 cases Lewis' lye.....	18.90	
9 cases soap.....	39.12	
10 gallons soap.....	1.00	
4 cases lye.....	18.88	
6 dozen scrub brushes.....	26.06	
1 dozen floor and carpet brushes.....	20.25	
Express charges on sundry articles.....	1.00	
Cartage.....	.35	
5 dust pans and 1 brush.....	1.00	
Brass rings for brooms and brushes.....	.25	
Ammonia.....	.50—\$	333.92

Repairs—

9 pounds asbestes packer.....	3.60	
1 plumber's force pump, for opening pipes....	7.20	
Labor on water closets.....	17.20	
3 pounds hemp packing.....	1.00	
4 Ames' shovels—boiler house.....	5.40	
Carpet tacks.....	2.70—	37.10
2 locks for library desk.....		2.75

Police and Watchman—

52½ days at \$2.50.....	\$ 1,310.00	
8½ days at 2.25.....	19.12	
123 days at 2.00.....	247.50	
574 days at 1.12½.....	645.76—\$	2,222.38

Water for November and December—

352,800 gallons at 2 cents per gallon.....		70.55
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Miscellaneous expenditures—

Washing towels after adjournment of the Twentieth General Assembly.....	2.67	
20 yards shade line.....	.50	
260 yards brown duck.....	32.90	
Sewing and thread.....	6.90	
96 pounds tar paper to protect curtains.....	2.88	
Blanks and posters.....	5.75	
5 cases window curtain paper and fixtures.....	76.55	
1 blank record book.....	6.00	
2 dozen thermometers.....	3.00	
10,385 pounds ice.....	31.15	
1,386 feet lumber for east entrance.....	20.04	
Carpenter, putting down.....	7.00	
2 dozen spittoons.....	32.00	
1 dozen cuspadors.....	16.00	
200 baggage checks.....	17.00	
6 police badges.....	6.30	
1 chief police badge.....	1.75	
1 set 1-16 steel figures.....	.72	
4 gross steel rings.....	3.80	
Case and expressage.....	.35	
Whitewashing cellar and tunnel.....	231.35	
Thread and sewing covers for furniture.....	2.00	
2 carpet stretchers.....	.50	
1 gross nickel-plated screws.....	1.00	
1 gross screw hooks.....	.65	
1 gross screw hooks.....	.60	
½ dozen snow-shovels.....	2.40	

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Salary of custodian for December.....		200.00
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Total expenditures..... \$ 15,170.48

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