

THIRD MINORITY REPORT.

Mr. Speaker :

The undersigned members of your Public Accounts Committee beg leave to report, with reference to the advance of \$3,500 to the Honourable A. DeCosmos, that the warrant for \$1,000 was approved on 16th November, 1880, and the cheque issued on 17th November, 1880; that the warrant for \$2,500 was approved on 2nd April, 1881, and the cheque issued on 5th April, 1881.

Your Committee report that the warrants above referred to were properly issued, and they find that the document dated 27th January, 1882, produced yesterday in this Assembly by the Hon. J. H. Turner as a warrant, was not a warrant, but an abstract of payments made by Mr. DeCosmos, and was part of an Order in Council authorizing the Minister of Finance to accept the statement of expenditure as thereto annexed, in repayment of advances made to Mr. DeCosmos.

ROBERT BEAVEN,
JOHN GRANT.

Victoria, 11th April, 1888.