

Ja<sup>s</sup>. H. Lane, I. P. Walker, B. C. Eastman, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Shields, S. G. Drake, & J. Munsel accepting membership.

The following letter from Genl. Lewis Cass was read

WASHINGTON Feb. 13, 1854.

DEAR SIR, I have received your letter but am sorry to say that it will be out of my power to accept your invitation to deliver an address before your historical society. I have so many engagements pressing upon me, that I feel an insuperable objection to add to their number. I do not suppose that it would be possible to procure as you wish a set of the Michigan Territorial Laws nor a complete copy of any paper published during the territorial government.

I would be glad to revisit your state and to witness its wonderful advance in all elements of power and prosperity, after having visited it many times indeed when in a state of nature, and when no man could have conjectured that its advance would be so rapid and wonderful.

I am, dear Sir Respectfully Yours,

LEWIS CASS.

*L. C. Draper Esq, Cor. Sec. &c,*

The following payments were made through the R. Secretary to the Treasurer

Charles Lord .....	\$1 00
L. C. Draper .....	1 00
O. M. Conover .....	1 00
	— \$3 00

JOHN W. HUNT, Recording Secretary.

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### Special Meeting of Society

March 18, 1854.

A special meeting of the Society met pursuant to a call for that purpose

Present—Genl. Wm. R. Smith, President; Lyman C. Draper, C. S.; John W. Hunt, R. S.; O. M. Conover, Tr.; Charles Lord, Librarian; H. A. Wright, B. Brown, S. H. Carpenter, Curators.