

napolis, printer to the convention, for the printing and binding of five hundred copies of the constitution when adopted by the people of Maryland; said copies to be printed in the same style, on such quality of paper, and bound in like manner to the edition of the present constitution, published by Murphy & Co., of Baltimore.

Mr. GREENE. I offer as a substitute for the order reported by the committee on reporting and printing, the following, which is a copy of the original order offered by me on Friday last:

*Ordered*, That the State librarian be and he is hereby directed to purchase of James Wingate two hundred and fifty copies of the constitution passed by this convention, when adopted by the voters of this State; said constitution shall contain an elaborate index, prepared with references to articles and sections, and also to the page, said constitution shall be printed in the best style, (with side notes,) on fair white paper with large fair type and well bound, and shall contain the names of the members of this convention; said constitution shall contain the certificate of the clerk of the court of appeals, that it is a true copy of the constitution passed by this convention; and the indexing and publication of said constitution shall be approved by the president of this convention.

And the State librarian shall distribute said copies of the constitution, as follows:

One copy to each member of convention; to the governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller, treasurer, attorney general, adjutant general, superintendent of public education, and commissioner of the land office, each one copy; to the judges and clerks of the circuit courts, and the courts of Baltimore city, each one copy; to the judges and the clerk of the court of appeals, each one copy; to the orphans' courts of the State, each one copy; to the State's attorneys, each one copy; to the register of wills, each one copy; to the boards of county commissioners, each one copy; to the mayor of Baltimore city, one copy.

And the remaining eleven copies shall be retained in the State library, subject to the disposition of the general assembly.

And the president of this convention is hereby authorized and directed to pay James Wingate one hundred dollars, for preparing said carefully elaborated index and side notes to said constitution, and also two dollars per copy for said constitution, when published by James Wingate.

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county. I would suggest to the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene,) to include in his order a sufficient number of copies to be placed at the disposal of the governor to enable him to send one to the governor of each State. That, I believe, has been the uniform practice of all the States.

Mr. GREENE. I think that is a very proper suggestion, and with the consent of the convention, I will modify accordingly the order I submitted.

No objection being made, the substitute of Mr. GREENE was modified by increasing the number of copies to three hundred, and inserting before the words "and the remaining eleven copies," &c., the words "and fifty copies to the governor for distribution to the governors of the several States."

The question was upon adopting the substitute as modified.

Mr. VALLIANT. The committee considered the question of economy, and it was their judgment that the order which I have submitted would be a saving to the State of about one hundred dollars, besides providing at the same time for more copies for the use of the State than is provided for by the order of the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene.) Then another thing; I presume that the whole work to be done in accordance with the provisions of the order submitted by the gentleman from Allegany will be done by strictly loyal men. I presume so, because I have no special reason to believe otherwise. But I can say with certainty, in relation to the order I have submitted, that if it is adopted, the work will be performed by those who are strictly loyal. How far that consideration should govern this convention I do not pretend to say. I did not know but it was well enough to mention these little matters.

The PRESIDENT. One issue of Murphy & Co. is of large full type, the other is smaller.

Mr. VALLIANT. The edition to which the committee have reference is the one of large type; the one of 1855. That is the edition, a copy of which I now hold in my hand, which was before the committee on reporting and printing at the time they framed this order. I will ask permission, in order to make that certain, to add to the order, the words "in 1855."

The order was modified accordingly.

Mr. GREENE. According to my recollection of the order as I heard it read, it does not appear certain that it will be an edition like this of 1855. It says similar to that published by Murphy & Co., of Baltimore. They published an edition in 1862, which is the common edition of the constitution, and smaller than the one of 1855. The copy which I hold in my hand, and which is a copy of the edition of 1855, and which is intended to be the model on which the constitution is to be printed according to my order, is very considerably different from the other edition. I do not know that the edition of 1855, was ever published and offered for sale.

The PRESIDENT. Yes, sir; it has been published and sold. And the order of the gentleman from Talbot (Mr. Valliant) has been modified so as to make it designate that edition.