

the case as it respects the *laws*. The journals of the last session of the Senate and House, have been executed in a similar manner with those of 1831—the pages containing the same quantity of matter;—therefore, as to them, the contract has, it is believed, been rigidly adhered to. But the pages of the volume of laws of the last session of the legislature, do not contain near as much matter as those of 1831. This difference has been carefully estimated to be at least ten lines to each page, thereby swelling the volume of laws of the last session, *two hundred pages*, which, according to the prices now paid for the laws, \$2 50 per page, would amount to five hundred dollars—which sum, it is believed, would have been saved, had the work been executed in the same manner as that of 1831.

The undersigned do not wish to be understood as imputing any dishonorable motives to the gentleman who executed this work. The difference has evidently been produced by the use of a different type. The type made use of in the printing of the laws of 1831, being such pica, and that used in printing those of the last session, being small pica with pica body. The contract did not specify the use of any particular type, and the motives for selecting this new type, (when probably the old may have been worn out,) may be free from all blame, and the increased size of the volume which it has produced, may have been unforeseen. Therefore, they do not charge any improper motive for this change. But having observed its effect, they felt themselves bound to state it in the house, and to be thus particular in the detail of facts, in order that it may be seen how great the facilities are under the present mode of contracting for the printing, for imposing upon the State—and consequently, the urgent necessity there is, to prevent any such imposition, that all future contracts should be more specific, and contain greater restrictions.

The character of these restrictions, next demanded the consideration of the undersigned, which also brought them to the consideration of the second branch of the inquiry. They are decidedly of the opinion, that in all future contracts for the printing, the character of the type and the amount of matter which each page should contain, should be specified, so that not only a uniformity in the size of the volumes, shall be secured, but any disadvantage be prevented from being taken in case the ex-