

the Joint Committee on Printing. They must however be permitted to express, as their belief, that if the proposed change was adopted as to type, and the amount of matter to be inserted upon each page, that the work ought and would then be done at the same price as now paid for pages, which of itself would be a great diminution in this item of the public expenses.

Another matter which the undersigned deem of sufficient importance to bring to the notice of the House, is the present mode of inserting the yeas and nays in the journals. The frequency with which they occur, and the manner of placing them upon the journals, fill up a very large portion of their columns. An alteration in this respect they think should be made, so that instead of their being inserted in double columns as at present, they should appear in paragraphs. This would also very much diminish the size of those volumes.

One other particular the undersigned deem it their duty to notice in this report. At the back of the volume of the laws there is annually appended a list of the titles of all the laws and resolutions that are passed. This appendix generally contains about twenty or thirty pages. Now the undersigned cannot conceive any possible utility in any such appendix. The index, which gives an abstract of the subject matter contained in each section of the laws, is certainly more full, definite and satisfactory than the appendix possibly can be. They, therefore, regarding this as a useless expenditure of money, recommend its immediate discontinuance. In furtherance of the views herein set forth, the undersigned herewith report a bill supplemental to the law of 1831.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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