

ought to be approved. The new type is used only in printing the laws; all other work is executed with the identical type heretofore employed for that purpose. The journals of the House and Senate, the bills and all the other work executed under the contracts of the joint committee, the undersigned find to have been duly executed, according to the letter and spirit thereof, and they take pleasure in exculpating the gentlemen, who at present holds the contract for the public printing, from all censure and blame whatever.

The undersigned, in the course of their investigation, have considered it a duty to examine whether improvement might not be made in the stipulations of contracts hereafter to be entered into for the printing. The size of the page, particularly of the volume of laws, ought to be regulated, in order that our statute books should be of uniform appearance and corresponding dimensions. An adherence to this material consideration, prevented the printer from enlarging the page last year, so as to embrace as much letter as the preceding volumes. The dimensions of the type might also be specified; and more particularly the period within which the laws shall be ready for distribution, should be prescribed.

The joint committee, which contracted last session for the printing of the session, with a view to the latter consideration, the undersigned find, have stipulated in the contract, that the printer shall print the laws *parri passu*, as they are passed; and they also find, that in fulfilment of this stipulation, the acts of the present session, so far as they have been engrossed, are already in type. Heretofore, the printer has never been furnished with copies of the acts before the close of the session—and this may account for the inconvenient delay of printing and circulation. An early distribution may confidently be anticipated under this new regulation; and the undersigned are of opinion, that to the joint committee on printing, may safely be referred to make these and such other needful stipulations as may occur to their more familiar acquaintance with this subject.

Another consideration has been brought to the attention of the committee, to which the undersigned feel themselves called upon to notice in this report. It has been suggested that the number of copies of the journals has heretofore been unnecessarily large, and that a considerable saving might be made in this particular, by reducing