

and clerks of voters in Dorchester county, for 1866, \$2,506.06; printing lists for 1866, \$238—total, \$2,744.06 Amount paid in Dorchester county for 1867, \$1,360.59; printing lists for 1867, \$516—total, \$1,876.59. Registers, clerks, &c., in Cecil county for 1865, \$2,352.12; printing lists for 1865, \$556.75—total, \$2,908.87.

On motion of Mr. Longwell, it was

Ordered, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to report to this Convention, at as early a day as practicable, the aggregate amount of moneys paid out of the treasury on account of public printing ordered by the last Legislature, particularly specifying the amounts paid for printing the first annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Longwell understood that the printing of this report had cost \$20,000, nearly one-half the cost of the judiciary of the State.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the executive department, was then taken up, the seventeenth section being the section under consideration, and the question being on the substitute offered by Mr. Rider, providing that a majority of the members of the two houses of the General Assembly shall be sufficient to pass a bill over the veto of the Governor.

Mr. Peters took the floor and read an argument against the amendment.

Mr. Gill said this was one of the most important subjects yet under consideration, or to be under consideration, and he therefore desired to give his reasons for opposing the substitute. He would read from the 24th section of the article reported by the committee on the legislative department, where it is provided that a majority of all the members elected shall be necessary to pass a bill, and if the amendment now pending is adopted, the same number will only be required to pass a bill over the veto, and he would like to know what protection would then be given. He wanted something practical, and either desired that we shall have no veto power, or if we are to have it, that it will answer the purposes for which it only ought to be granted to the Governor. This amendment would destroy its energy, its power and its usefulness. The