

the course of his remarks he said that in justice to the superintendent he would say that he had received a letter from that gentleman explaining in regard to the great cost of printing his report, that he had only asked for the printing of 3,500 copies. Concerning the system, he would say that it required an infallible head and an inexhaustible treasury. [Laughter.]

Mr. Ritchie concurred, in the main, with the views of the gentleman from Harford, but as he had not been able to give the attention to this important subject which it merited, he hoped the motion to postpone would be agreed to.

Mr. Brown differed with his colleague, and hoped the Convention would settle this matter now. He dissented from the views of the committee, but was satisfied that, from the temper of the Convention, no better plan could be adopted than that reported by the committee, and, therefore, though reluctantly, he should vote for it.

Mr. Page concurred mainly with the views of the gentleman from Harford, but rose to express the view which his constituents had impressed on him, which was that a uniform system should prevail throughout the State.

Mr. Dobbin was perfectly willing to adopt the report of the committee as it stood, if it did not preclude the city of Baltimore from having her own system. He was willing to leave the matter to the Legislature, relying on our ability to convince them of the excellence of the system, and that they cannot furnish us with a better, but he did want some qualification which would not prevent the Legislature from giving to Baltimore a separate system.

Mr. Barry said the second section provided for this, as it left the present system in operation until the end of the next session of the Legislature, except so far as adopted or continued.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Dobbin, Farnandis, George, Wallace, Gill, Tarr of Caroline, Garey, Barnes, Nelson and others.

The further consideration of the subject was then postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Stoddert submitted the following:

*Ordered,* That the committee upon the legislative de-