

fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer.

Mr. Longwell, from the committee on printing, submitted a report, accompanied by orders, providing for the printing of the constitution and the distribution of the same among the different officials of the State.

The report provides for the printing of 50,000 copies in pamphlet form; the members to be entitled to 400 copies each. The order also provides for the translation and publishing of 10,000 copies in the German language.

Mr. Dobbin did not think the pamphlet form of distribution would be sufficient to reach the people. He thought the best way of distribution would be through the columns of the newspapers, and proposed the Baltimore Sun, Gazette, and the German Correspondent, and would move to print in pamphlet form 30,000 English copies and 500 German copies.

Mr. McKaig concurred with the views of the gentleman from Baltimore, and thought the best and only proper way to disseminate the constitution would be through the newspapers.

Mr. Longwell said the committee had ascertained that it would be almost impossible to publish the constitution in the county newspapers in time enough, and it would also entail great expense.

Mr. Maulsby was in favor, if practicable, of publishing the constitution in all the papers of the State. It was not a partisan instrument, and he hoped would commend itself to the favorable consideration of every citizen of the State, without regard to his political opinions. If it could not be published in all the county papers, he hoped it would at least be published in every paper in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Nicolai proposed an amendment that the constitution shall be published in one newspaper two successive insertions in each county, and thought it was of much more importance that it should be published in the county papers than in those of the city of Baltimore, who could afford to do it without compensation.

The amendment of Mr. Nicolai was disagreed to.