

newspapers, and he saw no necessity for sending it to the officers named.

The order was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the vote rejecting the order for the sending of copies of the journal to the different newspapers of the State was reconsidered, and the order was then adopted.

Mr. H. F. Garey submitted the following, which was adopted:

Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary department consider upon the abolishment of the Orphans' Court system of the State, and the substitution of a method better adapted to the transaction of testamentary business.

Mr. Merryman submitted the following:

Ordered, That the superintendent of public instruction be requested to report to this Convention the amount of money expended for books and stationery for the public schools of this State; and also the scale of prices paid for the same since the adoption of the present system; and also the names of the various parties to whom the money has been paid, with the respective sums received by them.

Mr. Hubbard said the information had already been furnished in the annual report of the superintendent.

Mr. McKaig wanted this information in a complete and succinct manner. He wanted to know what this man with a hard name had been about; how much he had paid for his books and what he had charged for them, and whether he was a partner in the concerns which had furnished them.

The order was then adopted.

The President presented a communication from the clerk of the county commissioners of Baltimore county, stating that the amount levied for the judges of the Orphans' Court for the year 1866, was \$1,350, and the amount paid to said judges was \$1,308.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the legislative department be requested to inquire whether the Legisla-