

Ordered, That the committee on Printing, be authorized to contract for the reporting of the debates and proceedings of this Convention, according to the proposal of Henry G. Wheeler, and addressed to the chairman of this committee.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing, be authorized to contract for the printing of the debates and proceedings as prepared by the Reporter. Copies thereof in quarto sheets, and copies thereof in octavo form for binding, and, also, to contract for the binding of the octavo form.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing, be authorised to contract for the printing of the Journal of the Convention, copies of which in sheets, are to be furnished on the desk of the members daily, and copies to be bound and held subject to the order of this Convention.

The following are the proposals submitted by Mr. Wheeler:—

ANNAPOLIS, MD., November 18th, 1850.

SIR :—I propose to furnish a full and perfect report of the debates and proceedings of the Convention, as a permanent and reliable record for the State. To this end, I will forthwith put into requisition the services of an efficient corps of reporters. I state the terms as follows :

The joint committee of the two Houses of Congress, of which Senator Benton was chairman, fixed the contract price of the reports at seven dollars and fifty cents per column, [\$7.50.] Of this sum \$2.50 is estimated as the cost of the type-work, &c.; leaving \$5 per column for the reports. I refer to the item in the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill of the last session of Congress, which provided payment for the reports of the "Daily Globe," &c.; which may be found in the printed copy of the Laws.

With great respect, from your obedient servant,

HENRY G. WHEELER.

Hon. DAVID STEWART, Chairman of the committee on Reporting and Printing.

Which was read,

Mr. Stewart, of Balt. city, moved that the consideration thereof, be postponed until to-morrow, the 21st inst.

Mr. Dorsey, moved that the consideration thereof, be postponed until the day after to-morrow, the 22nd inst.

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kilgour, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the President of this Convention be requested to obtain, if practicable, from the census-books, in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, a statement of the number of white inhabitants now in the State of Maryland who cannot read and write, the number of white persons confined for crimes and misdemeanors, and the proportion of them who cannot read and write also, to procure from the proper authorities in the various States that have adopted liberal systems of education, their respective plans and the practical results thereof as far as can be ascertained.

Which was read.