

E. S. RILEY.

1,000 copies Journal and Proceedings,	\$1.75 per page.
1,000 copies Debates,	2.50 per page.
20 quires of Yeas and Nays,	75 per quire.

This contract for some unexplained reason, was awarded to Mr. R. P. Bayly, the next lowest bidder. The cost of printing for that Convention amounted to \$16,472.45.

For the session of the General Assembly of 1865, there were two bidders, viz :

R. P. Bayly, at \$2.50 per page; \$2.30 per page and \$1.25 per page, and 95 cents per quire for Yeas and Nays.

E. S. Riley, \$2.50 per page; \$2.00 per page, and \$1.30 per page, and \$1.25 per quire for yeas and nays.

This contract was awarded to R. P. Bayly, he being the lowest bidder. The cost of printing during that session was \$56,340.80, an amount far exceeding any previous session of the Legislature. There is also a bill for binding during this session of \$2,000.

The number of bids for the extra session of 1866, is not stated, but the bills show the printing to have been done by Haverstick & Longnecker, they being the lowest bidders, and amount to \$20,656.32.

For the present session there were thirteen bidders, Mr. Henry A. Lucas, being the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to him at the following figures, viz :

1,000 copies Acts and Resolutions,	85 cents per page.
500 copies Journal, - - -	95 cents per page.
150 copies of bills, - - -	65 cents per page.

After a most thorough examination and minute calculations your committee are of the opinion that the old system of electing a printer, is far preferable and more economical than the contract system. Under the old system a work of 300 pages and 5,000 copies would cost \$2,002; under the present system would cost \$2,850. A work of 20,000 copies under the present system would cost nearly double that of the old system. At the same time your committee deem it due to state that the same work with but 2,000 copies would cost less under the present system than under the old.

It is also due to the present contractor to state that he has so far filled his contract strictly in compliance with the requirements of his bond, notwithstanding the low price at which he has undertaken the work.

Your committee also find that the work has in all cases been computed in accordance with the terms of the proposals