

Mr. Maddox submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate furnish each member of the Senate with ten extra daily copies of the Journal. .

Which was read, and, under the ruling of the President, referred to the Committee on Printing, as provided for by order passed the 7th instant.

On motion by Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the proceedings in all joint conventions of the two Houses shall be entered on the Journal of the Senate at large by the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Hyland,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties to report a bill authorizing the Commissioners of Somerset county to change the place of holding the polls in District No. 2 of said county.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following message :

BY THE SENATE,

January 13, 1870.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We propose to your Honorable Body that the Committee on Printing of each House be made a Joint Committee on Printing of both Houses, with power to contract for the printing of the Journals of Proceedings of the Senate and House of Delegates, all bills, reports, documents and other matter ordered to be printed by either House ; also, the laws and joint resolutions passed at the present session of the Legislature. That said Committee invite proposals by public advertisement, for a reasonable time, for said printing, before contracting or agreeing for the same. That said contract or agreement to be given to the lowest and best bidder. That said Committee may, if more economical and advantageous to the public interest, contract or agree for the printing of the laws separately from the other printing, and may contract with different persons for the different kinds of printing. That said Committee report the names and bids of all parties proposing for the whole or any of said printing. No contract or agreement for the whole or any part of said printing to take effect, and no printing to be done, under or by authority of the same, until both Houses shall have approved of such contract or agreement.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.