

introduce a bill authorizing and empowering the Commissioners of Baltimore County to make certain applications of funds now in their possession.

On motion of Mr. Clark, of Baltimore City,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to introduce bills to amend the charters of the gas companies of Baltimore City, and to provide by adequate penalties, for the protection of the people of said City, by securing a more reliable mode of ascertaining the quantity of gas charged to each consumer, and for the furnishing by said gas companies, of proper and sufficient quality of illuminating gas to the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Markland, Chairman, on the part of the House, of the Joint Committee on Printing, submitted the following report of the Joint Committee on Printing to the Senate and House of Delegates.

REPORT.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., January 24th, 1872.

The undersigned, Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Printing, are instructed to make the following report, with the accompanying proposal of Messrs. S. Sands Mills, and L. F. Colton, to do the Public Printing for the Session of 1872, of the General Assembly of Maryland.

It is the judgment of your Committee that the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars is a reasonable estimate for the whole work, as it includes the printing which has already been finished, and all printing yet to be done, as ordered by the Senate and House of Delegates, together with any other printed matter in English which has not been specified and may be ordered for the Session, the same being approved by the Joint Committee on Printing. Your Committee recommend the acceptance of the proposition of Messrs. S. Sands Mills and L. F. Colton, for doing the printing work for the Session of 1872, as this sum is two thousand dollars less than the previous Session, and a greater increase of printing matter, there being two thousand copies of the Laws instead of one thousand.

Your Committee also state that, after waiting eight days, there was but one proposition before them for doing the Printing.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL FIELDS,

Chairman Joint Com. on Printing.

W. T. MARKLAND,

Chairman House Com. on Printing.