

and to compromise with his sureties, if in their judgment the same is advisable.

Mr. Seth (the rules being suspended) submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal of the House, that had Mr. Seth been present yesterday, he would have cast his vote for the Hon. James B. Groome for Governor.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henkle, *Chairman*, on the part of the House, of the Joint Committee on Printing, submitted the following

### REPORT.

The Joint Standing Committee on Printing, in obedience to the order of this House of the 29th January, that they be "instructed to report the cost of printing all matters not definitely stated in the report, and a maximum sum which the whole printing shall not exceed," respectfully report, that they have had the subject under further consideration, and in order to a more perfect understanding of the subject, have summoned before them Mr. John F. Wiley, a practical book and job printer of Baltimore City, and also Mr. McGarrigle and Mr. Hooper, experts of large experience in the work of printing.

These gentlemen have all testified that the proposal to do the work at the rates embodied in the report of your Committee is an exceedingly liberal one, and that much of it is below the regular established rates of the trade in Baltimore City and elsewhere.

They state that the cost of the composition of the Journal and Documents, as now printed, is—

For Plain Work, per page of 1,450 ems.....	\$1 00
Rule and Figure Work.....	2 00
And Tabular Work.....	4 00

That the composition of the Laws, with marginal notes, per page of 1,600 ems, costs \$1.90, and the cost of paper of the quality used, is \$12.00 per ream of 50 lbs.

For bills, the composition costs \$1.75 per page, and the paper upon which they are printed costs 25 cts. per pound.

They further state, that for compositors' work, double price is usually allowed for night labor and lost time in waiting for material, paid for at 40 cts. per hour by day, and 50 cts. per hour by night, and of necessity a large portion of the Legislative work is required to be done at night.