

Mr. Carr submitted the following :

Whereas, it has been a most surprising thing to those who know what strenuous efforts the Western States are making to keep the current of immigration flowing towards them, that this State should have done nothing in the way of gathering and imparting information on the soil, climate and material and social advantages of Maryland ; and

Whereas, the farmers of the State, in several conventions, have adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to issue, by authority of the State, a pamphlet with the view of making the unequalled advantages of Maryland better known, and to meet the demand which is constantly being made upon the Governor and other State officers by people residing in all parts of this country and in Europe, for information as to the natural resources and advantages of Maryland ; and

Whereas, the press of the State, with commendable zeal, has been publishing interesting articles descriptive of the resources of all the counties of Maryland, and the city of Baltimore, which have done much service in attracting new settlers to us from other States and from abroad ; and

Whereas, the eyes of a great many visitors at the coming World's Columbian Exposition will be turned towards Maryland, it is of the greatest importance that a careful and accurately prepared pamphlet on the climate, the soils and the resources of Maryland should be issued by authority of the State, and stamped with its official approval, for free distribution to those who desire official and reliable information on the subject of Maryland lands ; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of the Land Office has carefully prepared a pamphlet on the climate, soil, natural advantages and industrial development of all the counties of Maryland, and the city of Baltimore, with the inducements they offer to attract capital and population. Therefore it is

Ordered, That the State Printer be and is hereby authorized and directed to print and bind, for the use of the State, ten thousand copies of the Report prepared