

with the concurrence of your Honorable Body, to elect a printer for the two Houses of this General Assembly, with whom the Joint Committee on Printing are hereby required to enter into a contract to do all the printing required to be done for this Session, together with fifteen hundred copies of the acts and resolutions upon such terms that the cost of the whole shall not exceed the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars, the amount paid for the printing at the last General Assembly; and further propose that the two Houses shall meet in Joint Convention in the Hall of the House of Delegates, at 2 o'clock this P. M., for the purpose of electing said State Printer by ballot.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. McLane submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 4th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

We have received your message proposing to elect a State Printer by the two Houses of the General Assembly at two o'clock, this P. M., in a Joint Convention to be held in the Hall of the House of Delegates, and to instruct the Joint Committee on Printing to contract with the person so selected to do all the printing of the two Houses, including all Bills, Resolutions, and fifteen hundred copies of the Acts and Resolutions, together with all other Documents that may be ordered, for a sum not to exceed the cost of the printing at the last General Assembly, (thirty-eight thousand dollars,) and we respectfully concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,  
Secretary.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,  
Bannon,  
Combs, of St. Mary's,  
Cooper,

Hepbron,  
Lee,  
McLane,  
Peter,