

dorsed "will not pass." This inconsistency in the reports of the proceedings of the respective bodies, induced the committee to examine the original bill, and they found the endorsement of the same by the then clerk of the house, "read the second time and will not pass" A general impression having prevailed that the act of 1831, ch. 303, had been repealed at the session of '39 and '40 and the original bill, bearing in its endorsement, apparent evidence of the error of such impression, the committee deem it proper to present the facts to the house for their action. The instruction upon which the committee at present acts, limits the contracts to be made by them to the printing of the present session, and believing it possible that this limitation of power was the result of the impression before alluded to, the committee have determined to proceed no further, until action has been taken by the house, upon the facts of this report; they therefore beg to solicit their early attention to the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted,  
JOHN M. S. CAUSIN, Chairman.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table;

Mr. Shower, from the minority of the committee on public printing, submitted the following as a substitute for the report of the majority of said committee,

The minority, of the joint committee, appointed to contract for the public printing,

Beg leave to report, that, in their opinion, the committee should at once make a contract for the printing of the present year, in obedience to the order under which the committee was raised, leaving the contract, for the ensuing year, depending on the facts in reference to the repeal of the act of 1831 chap. 303, to the future action of the General Assembly.

They therefore, recommend the adoption of following order:

Ordered, That the joint committee on public printing, forthwith, or as soon as conveniently may be, make a contract for the public printing, for the present year, and report the contract so made, for the approval of the General Assembly, and that the said committee also report all the proposals which shall be submitted to them

J. SHOWER,  
WM. B WILLIS.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Causin, moved to suspend the rules of the house, for the purpose of having said reports read a second time by a special order.

Resolved in the affirmative,

The said reports and resolutions were then read the second time by special order;

Mr. Tuck, offered as a substitute for the said reports of the majority and minority of the committee, the following,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the joint committee on Printing, be instructed to contract for the printing of