

By the House of Delegates:

December 29, 1840.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose that a joint committee be appointed to contract for the public printing—embracing the printing of both houses, and of the laws that may be passed during the present session. Messrs. Causin, England, Welch of Kent, Shower and Willis, are named on the part of the house to unite with such gentlemen as may be selected by your honorable body.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Graves offered as a substitute for said message the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk be instructed to receive *sealed* proposals for the printing of the house, and contract for the same with the person or persons offering at the lowest rates.

Which was read;

Mr. Seidenstricker offered as a substitute for said substitute and message, the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk of this house be instructed to offer proposals for the printing of this house—the work to be given to the person or persons offering to do it at the lowest rates, and who will give a sufficient bond for the faithful performance of the same.

Which was twice read.

On the question being put, will the house accept said substitute?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand, the yeas and nays were ordered, and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Holmes	Willis	Le Grand
Poultney	Sutton	Prestman
Orrick	Hope	Shower
Welch, of Balt.	Gallagher	Lecompte
Randall	Seidenstricker	Boyle
Lowe	Graves	Stull—18

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Ridgely, Sp'r.	Keene	E. A. Lynch
Heard	Frazier	Naill
Coad	Tall	Billingslea
Causin	Simcoe	Whiteford
Welch, of Kent	Maxwell	Nicols
Edes	Bowie	Orrell
Gantt	Tuck	Sullivan
Estep	Maccubbin	Nesbit
Dorsey	Brewer	Weast