

lution, so as to take the question upon the first part of the resolution to the word "appointed" inclusive;

Mr. Tuck moved to amend said resolution by striking out these words, "and of the next session until another printer is appointed;"

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Jones of Somerset moved to amend said resolution by striking out all that part of the resolution which relates to the repeal of the law of 1831.

Mr. Randall moved that the House adjourn;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put upon the motion of Mr. Jones of Somerset, to strike out that part of the resolution which relates to the repeal of the law of 1831, and

Determined in the affirmative.

Yeas 37, noes 35."

From the proceedings of the last House of Delegates, above quoted, it is clearly manifest, that the joint committee on the Public Printing of the last session, had no authority whatever, to contract for the printing of the present session—that authority being expressly denied them by the House. In view of these facts, your committee have no hesitation in saying, that there is no contract for the printing of this session of the Legislature, in accordance with law, and therefore, recommend the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the chief clerk cause to be executed the printing of this House, until such time as the committee on Printing shall have made a contract for the same, and the House shall have approved of it;

Which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Ordered, That the committee on Colored Population, be directed to inquire into the expediency of withdrawing the appropriation (or a portion thereof) for State colonization, under the act of 1831, ch. 281.

Mr. Spencer, from the select committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act to amend the 29th section of an act entitled, an act relating to negroes, and repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned;

Read the first time and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Causin presented the petition of Mrs. Barbara Reily, asking for a pension under the resolutions of 1779 and 1780;

Read and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Forwood presented the petition of James McCauby, Surveyor of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act, regulating the per diem of the surveyor of said county, similar to that passed in favor of the Surveyor of Frederick county, at December session 1839;