

the following terms, he engages himself to print sixteen hundred copies at two dollars and twenty-five cents per page, of sixteen hundred and fifty m's in each page, to have them well stitched and glued, and to have them ready for delivery by the 20th of May next. The committee have every reason to believe that the contract will be faithfully performed, and that the terms are as low as a reasonable remuneration for the labor will allow; they have also made a contract with John Nelson Watkins, for preparing an index to the Laws and supervising the last proof sheets of the same for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. R. HOWARD,

J. B. RICAUD,

Of the Senate.

ZABDIEL W. POTTER,

JOHN JOHNSON.

D. W. NAILL.

Of the House.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Weber from the minority of the joint committee on public printing, delivered the following

REPORT:

The minority of the joint committee, to contract for the printing of the laws of the present session, beg leave to report, that among the proposals before the committee, was one from Mr. George Johnston, of this city, offering to print the required number of the laws at \$2 per page—35 copies to be on paper of a superior quality, and bound for the use of the Library, without extra charge.

The minority of the committee therefore think that the contract entered into by the majority should not be ratified. It proposes to pay from \$100 to \$150 more for the work than Mr. Johnston would have done it for. Had we an overflowing Treasury, this would be a small matter; but whilst the demands of the public creditor are not met, shall we be "generous before we are just."

HUGH ELY,

Of the Senate.

WILLIAM WEBER,

EDWARD SHRIVER,

BENJAMIN M. BOWDLE,

Of the House.

Which was read.

The Speaker enquired of Mr. Weber, whether the report submitted by him from the minority of the committee, was intended to embrace a proposition in favor of Mr. George Johnston, and was intended as a substitute for that of the majority, and he stated that it was not.