

R E P O R T .

To the Honorable

The Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland:

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed to consider the proper mode of having the Code indexed and printed, respectfully Report:

That, after mature deliberation, they fully concur in the opinion that it is of great importance to incorporate in the Code the Acts of this present session of the Legislature, so that the work, when printed under the authority of the State, will be perfect in itself and embrace the whole statute law of the State. This is peculiarly important from the fact that the Code having brought the whole statute law before the Legislature, for the first time in the history of the State, more changes have been made in it than will probably be made at any future Session.

Your Committee also concur in the opinion that too high an estimate cannot be made of the importance of a perfect, well digested Index to the whole work thus printed.

With these objects in view, your Committee have engaged Henry C. Mackall, Esq., to incorporate the Acts of this present session, leaving out those sections which have been repealed, to superintend the printing and see the same faithfully executed, and to make an Index to the two volumes of the Code, for the sum of two thousand dollars, thus prepared.

Your Committee believe Mr. Mackall fully competent to the task, and that his thorough knowledge of the contents of the Code will enable him to perform the work in a manner satisfactory to the State.

Your Committee, after receiving numerous proposals, have agreed with John Murphy for the printing of the Code—the contractor binding himself to furnish one thousand copies for the use of the State, at one dollar and fifty cents per volume,