

and thus affording an opportunity to form an opinion of each title, not only in its abstract, but also in its relations to the entire edifice. If economy be consulted, the plan of presenting the work entire, has its recommendations. It is calculated to secure the full and mature deliberation of those who are engaged in the compilation; thereby avoiding an unnecessary consumption of the time of the Legislature, when it comes before them. Instances might be cited in which the plan of revision has been materially changed by the revising committee, after no inconsiderable portion of the work had been printed and submitted to the Legislature, and received its sanction.

Your committee think it highly probable that an extra-session, for the purpose of acting on the revision, will, at a future period, be expedient. The experience of a sister State, seems to suggest this course, as will appear from the following extracts of letters, from the honorable, the comptroller of the State of New York, and from a Senator of the same State, to the chairman of the committee of Ways and Means of the House of Delegates of Maryland.

ALBANY, February 24th, 1833.

DEAR SIR:—Some portions of the revised statutes of this State, were acted upon during the ordinary session of the Legislature, but the revision interfered so much with the ordinary business, that it was deemed useful, if not indispensable, to have an extra session, to pass upon the revised statutes. Accordingly an extra session of ninety two days was held in 1827, and a second extra session of eighty-four days, in 1828.

In revising the General laws of a State, it is desirable that the action should be removed as far as possible from all the *entanglements* and *influences*, growing out of local and private legislation—otherwise, the loss of a favorite measure, may overthrow an excellent system. At our ordinary sessions, also, the minds that should be engaged in the revisions of the laws, are those which head the principal committees, and consequently are encumbered with most of the labor of the ordinary Legislation—the latter they will not be permitted to neglect, because those who have an interest therein, will constantly remind them of their duty to their constituents—and here the revision will become a mere secondary consideration.”