

And were it not contemplated to codify at will, the Laws of the State, your Committee are of opinion that, upon a further examination, and maturer consideration of the work, they should unhesitatingly have recommended the purchase of this compilation by the Legislature. The code, however, will render any compilation that might be made, almost useless.

Under the resolution above referred to, it would, nevertheless, seem that, notwithstanding the work might now be useless to the State; yet, we are in some degree pledged to remunerate Mr. Webster for his labors, provided the work has been satisfactorily performed.

The resolution referred to, contains the following language :

“Whereas the said Webster does not ask or demand any remuneration for his labors in the performance of said duties, *other than what the Legislature may hereafter allow him*, after the FULL examination and expression of the satisfaction of the Legislature with the work hereafter to be presented.”

By this it would seem, that an implied promise of remuneration is held out on the condition that the work should meet with the approbation of the Legislature, &c., and with a view to this thorough examination, advise that it be submitted to the examination of the codifiers hereafter to be appointed.

Your Committee make this recommendation with the belief that should the said codifiers make this examination, they will discover that what would be otherwise a necessary and tedious preliminary labor to the duty of codification, is already performed by this work.

They also recommend that the said codifiers be authorized and empowered to purchase said work for the State, (provided it be well and faithfully performed) to be used by them in their labors.

C. D. BARNITZ.

WESTMINSTER, CARROLL COUNTY, MD.)
December 28th, 1855.)

At the request of C. W. Webster, it is my pleasure to make the following statement in regard to the compilation of the laws of Maryland prepared by him.

During the sessions of the Legislature of the years 1852 and 1853 the work of Mr. Webster was in the State Library, and