

was used by members of the House of Delegates in preference to any other work in the Library, as a reference book to the acts of Assembly. The work was spoken of by all who examined it, (and it was used more or less by all the departments of State) as the best compilation of the laws of Maryland ever offered to the public.

The sentiment in the House of Delegates was very general that but for the adoption of the New Constitution, by which a codification of the laws was provided for, the State should take such an interest in the work as would pay Mr. Webster handsomely for his labor. I may add, that through no fault of Mr. Webster, several important portions of the work were lost during their use by the Legislature.

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THE compilation of the laws of Maryland, by C. W. Webster, Esq., was examined by many members of the Legislature, during the sessions of 1852, '53 and '54, and was so highly approved of by them, that the general impression appeared to be, that if the New Constitution had not provided for the appointment of commissioners to prepare a code, the State ought to aid in the publication of the work.

JOHN K. LONGWELL.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 28th, 1855.