

Your Committee desire to state to the General Assembly, that if it shall be determined to advertise for proposals, it will require ten days before proposals can be received and contracts awarded; in the meantime, the printing matter which has been already done, and for which there is no contract or price set, must be paid for at the usual rate of such work. There is now a considerable amount of printing matter accumulated, which has been ordered; but your Committee cannot order the printing of such matter until authorized by the General Assembly.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the acceptance of the proposition of Messrs. Thompson & Co., as it will be seen that the proposal for doing the printing is \$9,300 less than the cost of doing the printing work of the session of 1868, and is \$31,400 less than the session of 1867. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. C. CLARKE,

Chairman Joint Com. on Printing.

JOHN F. WILEY,

Chairman House Com. on Printing.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Watkins (the rules being suspended) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Hon. Isaac D. Jones, Attorney General of the State, be requested to give this House his opinion of the legal right of the State to the one-fifth of the gross proceeds from passengers on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, under section 8, chapter 175, Act of 1832, and the Acts of Assembly supplementary thereto.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bowlus (the rules being suspended) submitted the following order:

Ordered, That Mr. White have leave of absence for four days to visit home on important business.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gorman, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, reported favorably a bill entitled, an Act to provide for the removal of gates from public roads in Caroline county and public roads dividing said county from adjoining counties.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Watkins, Chairman of a Select Committee reported favorably a bill, entitled an Act to declare the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland to the gift and bequest of Andrew Small, late of Washington city, deceased, to the Board of Trustees of the Neelsville and Darnstown Presby-