

al charter to the representatives of the people; Therefore, Ordered, That a committee of this house, consisting of members be appointed by the chair, to contract for the ordinary printing of the house for the present session, and that in forming that contract, they give a preference to the individual or individuals with whom the contract for such printing was entered into by the joint committee of the last Legislature, and on the terms of said contract."

Which having been read, the Speaker decided that the said preamble was not in order.

Mr. Hillen moved to amend the substitute proposed by Mr. Spencer, by striking out after the word "ordered," to the end thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"That the committee on the constitution be instructed to enquire into the constitutionality of the law, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 303, entitled, an act to provide for the public printing of the state, and that they report to this house by bill or otherwise;

Which was read.

Mr. Heard, proposed to amend the substitute offered by Mr. Hillen, by adding the following, "provided the said enquiry and said report by bill or otherwise shall not go to vacate any contract made under the said law."

On motion by Mr. Heard, the amendment proposed by him was withdrawn.

Mr. Handy, moved to amend the substitute offered by Mr. Hillen, by striking out the following words "constitutionality of the law passed at December session 1831, ch. 303, entitled, an act to provide for the public printing of the state, and that they report to this house by bill or otherwise," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following words, "expediency of repealing the law passed at December session, 1831, ch. 303."

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ely, then moved to amend the substitute proposed by Mr. Hillen, by striking out the committee on the Constitution, and inserting in lieu thereof, "the committee on grievances and courts of justice."

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question then recurred and was put on the substitute offered by Mr. Hillen as amended.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the order of the day was suspended.

Mr. Merrick, then submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted.