

For the session of 1867, (90 days,) to Henry A. Lucas, costing.....	63,445 89
For the Session of 1868, (90 days,) to William Thompson of R., costing.....	48,500 00
For the Session of 1870, (90 days,) to William Thompson of R., costing.....	40,000 00
For the Session of 1872, (90 days,) to S. S. Mills and L. F. Colton, costing.....	38,000 00
For the Session of 1874, (90 days,) to Mills & Colton, for the House.....	48,509 03
To Wm. T. Iglehart & Co., for the Senate.....	20,927 00
For the Constitutional Convention of 1864, to H. P. Bailey for printing the proceedings....	17,372 45
To C. C. Fulton, for publishing Constitution.....	2,707 00
For the Constitutional Convention of 1867, to George Colton, for printing proceedings and publishing the Constitution.....	9,879 07

It further appears by examination and comparison that the largest amounts which the printing cost were for the Sessions in which the contracts were made by the page, while the smaller sums were the result of having the work done for a specified sum, and it is the opinion of your Committee, that while it would seem equitable to have the work done by the page, it would be more economical to contract for a specified amount, and we fully concur in an order passed by the House of Delegates, looking to the matter of regulating the Public Printing, and recommend that the Joint Committee on Printing introduce a bill regulating the mode and manner of contracting in the future, and fixing a maximum limit beyond which the cost of printing for any regular session of the Legislature shall not exceed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. T. HEPBRON,
On the part of the Senate.

D. W. SNOWDEN,
On the part of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stevens, from Select Committee, reported favorably, Senate bill entitled an Act to authorize the establishment of a Zoological Collection in the City of Baltimore.

Which was read the first time.