

on all hands that the remainder of the journal of debates should be forwarded to members after they leave this place. The only question with me is, how it can be the most surely done, with the least expense to the State. I wish that was the question with everybody.

Mr. GREENE. That is my object.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I have no doubt of it. I have no desire to confer favors upon anybody, or to oust anybody from his place. If we can save the State one dollar it is our duty to do so. It is certain that this matter must continue from two to four months. The debates are almost two full months behind. And if this work is to be done by the folder remaining here and receiving his per diem precisely as he has done since we have been in session here, we can form no idea in reference to the expense. I think it is better to place it in the hands of some officer in whom we can have confidence, and not parcel it out to two or three or half a dozen men. I do not think they should continue on *ad infinitum*, I had almost said for years, to do so very small a work, and to receive so large a pay as this.

Mr. TODD. Does the gentleman mean to insinuate that the gentleman named in my order cannot be trusted?

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I do not know anything about him. I would not know him if he were to come in here now. I suppose he is competent to do the work for which he was appointed.

Mr. TODD. He is competent to do anything this convention may desire to have done.

Mr. HEBB. I do not know that this office of folder was intended to last forever. Nor do I know that it is necessary for any one to rise in his place here and deliver a eulogy upon any officer of this convention for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties. I do not rise now to deliver any eulogy upon the secretary of this convention. But the secretary certainly has as much right to expect that he will be continued in office to discharge this duty, as one of the folders has. The former convention and our legislature have universally continued the secretary in office after adjournment for as many days as was necessary. And the secretary of this convention, supposing that he would be required to perform this duty in conformity with precedent and custom heretofore, has had prepared a list as far as he could, and expects to have the list made complete, of all those to whom members desire to have these debates forwarded. The last convention gave the secretary a compensation of one dollar a day for six months, to discharge this duty. The price fixed by the substitute of my colleague (Mr. Greene,) is six dollars for one thousand copies, which is six cents for every ten copies folded, addressed and mailed, which I think is as small a compensation as

could be asked. As the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stockbridge) has said, if the folder is required to stay here until this is done, he will be here over two months.

Mr. STIRLING. It seems to me that the decision of this question depends very much upon matters of fact. I do not think that anybody is specially entitled to anything from this convention. The question is how far the public business and convenience can be subserved. These debates are printed in Baltimore city; and I can see no use in having them sent to Annapolis, and somebody kept here for the purpose of mailing them somewhere else. It has been very often said, that the road to "no place" lies through Annapolis. And the idea of having the debates sent here for the purpose of sending them somewhere else, is absurd. I understand that the printer is willing to deliver these debates in Baltimore city, already folded, at three dollars per thousand sheets. And we want somebody to supervise the work, and to attend to what other labor there may be connected with it. If these matters are printed in Baltimore, and the secretary goes to Baltimore, and the revising clerk goes to Baltimore when the convention adjourns, what is the use of keeping anybody here in Annapolis to receive these debates and send them off?

The question was upon the motion of Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, to amend the original order submitted by Mr. HEBB, by striking out the words "the secretary and," leaving the folder to perform the work contemplated by the order.

Mr. NEGLEY. I move to amend the amendment of my colleague (Mr. Davis, of Washington,) so that the words "the postmaster and" be inserted in place of the words he proposes to have stricken out.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. I will accept that amendment.

The PRESIDENT. If any objection is made the gentleman cannot modify his amendment.

Mr. HEBB. I object.

The question was then taken upon the amendment of Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, and it was rejected.

The question was then upon the substitute offered by Mr. GREENE.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I understand that the offer has been made to do this work for three dollars a thousand sheets. I move to amend the substitute by striking out the word "six" and inserting the word "three" before the words "dollars for each thousand copies."

Mr. GREENE. That offer was in regard to the folding alone. There still remains the addressing and mailing. The addressing is certainly a much more laborious part of the work than the mere folding.

Mr. DANIEL. Six dollars a thousand is little enough for doing this work; that is only