
FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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No. 107.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1868. }

The Joint Select Committee on Printing which was directed by an order of the House to contract for the Printing and Binding of the State with responsible and properly qualified parties, to receive proposals for doing the same, and before completing any contract to report the same and its terms to the House, have had the same under consideration and report as follows :

That in pursuance of the instructions contained in said order, they, on the 17th of January ult., caused an advertisement to be inserted in the following newspapers, viz : Portland Press, Bangor Whig and Courier, Lewiston Journal, Kennebec Journal and Maine Standard, stating that proposals would be received by them for doing the State Printing and Binding for the current year, until Tuesday, February 4, inst.; that in response to said advertisement, they received proposals for doing said printing and binding from the following persons ; viz : for printing, from Chas. H. True, J. E. Butler, and Stevens & Sayward ; for binding, from Hartford & Smith ; that having concluded no contract nor come to any conclusion in regard to said proposals, they beg leave to submit the same to the House for its consideration and ask further instructions.

Per order.

WM. M. RUST.

To the Honorable Committee of the Maine Legislature, on State Printing for the year 1868 :

The undersigned, desiring to contract to execute the printing for the State, for the current year, respectfully begs leave to submit specifications of items and prices, as a bid preliminary to contract, viz :

For composition, plain, per thousand ems,	. . . . .	\$ .45
“ “ script work, per thousand ems,	. . . . .	.45
“ “ rule and figure work, per thousand ems,	. . . . .	.90
“ “ plain, for blanks, space actually covered, per thousand ems,	. . . . .	.55
“ “ rule and figure word, space actually covered, per thousand ems,	. . . . .	1.10

Where blank leaves occur in any work to be executed, no charge shall be made for composition on such blank leaves.

Where the two Houses of the Legislature order the printing of the same document, charge will be made for one composition only, unless the type have been actually distributed.

In printing blanks, where immaterial alterations are necessary, no charge shall be made for such changes.

For presswork, 16 pp. 8vo. or 24 pp. 12mo., printed on each side, per token of 250 sheets of book work,	. . . . .	\$ .95
“ pamphlets or printed books of 16 pp. or less, composition plain,	. . . . .	.55
“ pamphlets or printed books of 16 pp. or less, rule and figure work,	. . . . .	1.10
“ any other presswork not otherwise provided for, per token,	. . . . .	.95

Anything less than a token in quantity, will be considered a full token.

Paper will be furnished at cost, without commission or profit, and purchase bills will be furnished as vouchers to the account.

Good and sufficient bonds, for the faithful performance of all obligations incumbent on me by reason of such contract, shall be furnished the State to the satisfaction of the Committee.

CHAS. H. TRUE.

AUGUSTA, February 4, 1868.

To the Honorable Committee of the Maine Legislature, on State Printing for the year 1868:

Desiring to contract to execute the printing for the State, for the current year, I respectfully beg leave to submit the following specifications of items and prices, as a bid preliminary to contract, for the faithful performance of which I will offer good and sufficient sureties to the State :

- For plain composition, 48 cts. per 1000 ems, including script work.
 “ “ rule and figure, double price per 1000 ems.
 “ “ composition on blanks, 60 cts. for space actually covered, and double price for rule and figure.

Where blank leaves occur in any work to be executed, composition shall not be charged for such leaves.

Where the two Houses of the Legislature shall order the same printing, composition shall be charged for only one order, unless the type shall have been distributed.

In printing blanks, the like of which has been before printed, and unless the alterations are material, no composition shall be charged, if the form is standing.

For presswork of 16 pp. of octavo or 24 pp. 12mo., printed on each side, 98 cts. per token of 250 sheets of book work.

For pamphlets or printed books of 16 pp. or less, composition, 60 cts. for plain and double price for rule and figure.

For presswork not otherwise provided for, per token \$1.00, and anything less in quantity than one token to be considered a full token.

Paper to be furnished at cost without commission or profit.

J. E. BUTLER.

BIDDEFORD, February 3, 1868.

AUGUSTA, February 4, 1868.

To the Committee on Printing and Binding of the Maine Legislature:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned beg leave to submit to your consideration a copy of the contract between ourselves and the State of Maine for the year 1867, leaving out the figures for prices. We have created for the purpose of being able to do the State Printing a large and expensive establishment, for which we have no other use. Four years ago we suffered a severe loss by fire, a

large amount of State work being burned while on our hands. This destruction of our property caused us to secure a large fire-proof building, which we fitted up for the express purpose of being able to do the State Printing with convenience, promptness and safety. As to prices, therefore, we are substantially at the mercy of the Legislature. We are now doing the State Printing at as low rates as we ought to do it. We will do the printing for 1868 on terms which will enable us to give a fair compensation for labor, pay the interest on the capital invested, the wear and tear, taxes, insurance, and other incidental expenses. Believing that you will base your decision on reliable information as to a fair price for printing, we are ready to renew our contract with the State on such terms as you may determine.

Respectfully yours,

STEVENS & SAYWARD.

Hon. P. Houghton, Hon. N. A. Foster, Chairmen of the Committee on Printing and Binding.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made this day of A. D. 1868, by and between John L. Stevens and John S. Sayward, both of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, copartners in business under the name of Stevens & Sayward, on the one part, and the Joint Special Committee of the Legislature on Public Printing, in behalf of the State of Maine, on the other part, witnesseth: That said Stevens & Sayward on their part hereby agree to execute the printing for the State of Maine for the current year, and until otherwise directed by the Legislature, promptly and in a faithful and workmanlike manner, on the following terms and conditions, viz.: For composition, plain, per thousand ems, including script work; for composition, rule and figure, per thousand ems; for presswork per token of two hundred and fifty sheets of book work, with sixteen pages of octavo, or twenty-four pages of duodecimo, printed on each side, but any excess of a token shall be charged pro rata for the number of quires contained in such excess; for pamphlets or printed books of sixteen pages or less, composition, plain, and for rule and figure work double price; for blanks, composition, for space actually covered, for plain and double price for rule and figure—no blank to be reckoned less than one thousand ems; for other presswork not otherwise provided for in this contract, per token as defined in

the preceding section, and anything less in quantity than a token to be charged for a full token ; but any excess of a token shall be charged pro rata for the number of quires contained in such excess.

And said Committee in behalf of the State on the second part agree to pay the prices above stipulated on the terms and conditions before named. And it is further mutually agreed by and between the parties to this instrument, that in the execution of the work provided for in this contract, the following rules and regulations shall be observed, to wit :

That in printing bills, resolves, &c., where a saving may be properly effected in the amount of composition by adopting half title pages and including the order for printing, or other matter, on a page containing other matter, instead of full title, such mode shall be adopted ; that in all cases where blank leaves shall occur in the work hereafter to be executed, the printer shall not be entitled to charge for composition on the pages of such blank leaves ; that in all cases where the two houses of the Legislature shall order the printing of the same document, the printer shall not be entitled to charge for but one composition, unless the type shall have been actually distributed. In printing blanks where immaterial alterations shall be necessary, there shall be a charge for one composition only.

It is expressly agreed that this contract does not include the printing of the Reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, but that it shall apply to all other printing for which the State is held to pay.

Paper to be furnished at cost without bonus or commission.

This contract shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Legislature.

} Committee.

AUGUSTA, February 4, 1868.

To HON. MR. HOUGHTON, *Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Binding:*

We, the undersigned, present Binders to the State, propose to do the Binding and Stitching for the current political year, at the same rate and prices as last year, with the following exceptions.

Reports and Abstracts of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture we will do for 33 cents, present price 38 cents.

All other work, specified in the contract of last year, 10 per cent. discount from last year's prices.

Contract to be from January 1, 1868.

Very respectfully yours,

HARTFORD & SMITH.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1868. }

Read and accepted, and communication and contract in blank from Messrs. Stevens & Sayward, together with proposals of Charles H. True, J. E. Butler, and Messrs. Hartford & Smith, ordered to be printed, on motion of Mr. BRICKETT of Augusta.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*