

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE

No. 77.

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Printing and Binding, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to contract with some suitable person or persons to execute the State Binding, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the accompanying Contract with Alexander J. Cameron.

Per order.

NELSON THOMPSON,
For Committee.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Made this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, by and between Alexander J. Cameron, bookbinder, of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, of the one part, and the Committee on Printing and Binding of the Legislature of the State of Maine, acting for and in behalf of said State of the other part,

Witnesseth :

That the said Alexander J. Cameron, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, hereby covenants, promises and agrees to and with the said party of the second part, that he will, in a proper, substantial, faithful, and workmanlike manner, perform and execute the folding, stitching, ruling, and binding for the said State, according to the specifications and for the respective prices hereinafter named, viz :

Class 1. Pamphlets of four pages, to be folded only, at nine (9) cents per hundred. Pamphlets of eight pages, to be folded only, at fourteen (14) cents per hundred.

Class 2. Pamphlets of eight pages, to be folded, stitched and trimmed, at twenty-four (24) cents per hundred copies. Pamphlets of twelve pages, to be folded, stitched and trimmed at thirty-six (36) cents per hundred copies; and for each pamphlet of eight pages, or fraction thereof, additional, twelve (12) cents per hundred copies of said pamphlet.

Class 3. Books of eight pages, to be bound in paper covers and trimmed, at fifty (50) cents per hundred copies. Books of twelve pages to be bound in paper covers and trimmed, at seventy-five (75) cents per hundred copies; and for each eight pages, or fraction thereof additional, twenty (20) cents per hundred copies of said book.

Class 4. Plates to be set at ten (10) cents per hundred copies.

Class 5. Acts and Resolves, and all such work not otherwise specified, to be bound in quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) cloth, thirteen and one-half ($13\frac{1}{2}$) cents per copy.

Class 6. Reports of Secretary of Maine Board of Agriculture for the year 1879, and Abstract, also all books of similar size containing plates, to be bound in full cloth, at thirty-two (32) cents per copy; bound in cloth backs and stiff covers at eighteen (18) cents per copy.

Ruling and binding blanks and blank books required by State officers, similar to work heretofore done, viz :

Class 7. Returns of Railroad companies to Commissioners, to be ruled at thirteen (13) cents, and bound at twelve and one-half ($12\frac{1}{2}$) cents per copy; provided not less than one hundred copies are ordered.

Class 8. Returns of Insurance companies to Commissioner, to be ruled at fourteen (14) cents per book, for one hundred copies, and at seven (7) cents for each additional copy; said books to be bound at two (2) dollars per hundred copies, and one (1) dollar for each additional hundred copies, or fraction thereof.

Class 9. Blanks for Committee on Warrants of Executive Council, to be ruled at one (1) dollar and twenty-five (25) cents per one hundred copies, and fifty (50) cents for each additional hundred copies, or fraction thereof.

Class 10. Blanks for Pay-roll of Executive Council, to be ruled at fifty-five (55) cents per hundred copies, and seven and one-half ($7\frac{1}{2}$) cents for each additional hundred copies, or fraction thereof.

Class 11. Blanks for Applications for Continuation of Pensions, to be ruled at same rates as Class 10.

Class 12. Blanks for Statements of Facts of Applicants for Pensions, to be ruled at same rates as Class 10.

Class 13. Blanks for School Returns, to be ruled at same rates as Class 10.

Class 14. Blanks for Certificates for Executive Council, to be ruled at same rates as Class 10.

Class 15. Blanks for Vacant Lots, for Land Office, to be ruled at eighty (80) cents per hundred copies, and forty (40) cents for each additional hundred copies or fraction thereof.

Class 16. Blanks for Lots under Contract to Settlers, to be ruled at same rates as Class 15.

Class 17. Blanks for Pension Pay-roll and Warrant, to be ruled at same rates as Class 15.

Class 18. Blanks for Discharges and Deaths, to be ruled at same rates as Class 15.

Class 19. Blanks for Returns of Companies, to be ruled at two (2) dollars and ten (10) cents per hundred copies, and ninety (90) cents for each additional hundred copies, or fraction thereof.

Class 20. Blanks for Morning Reports, to be ruled at two (2) dollars and fifty (50) cents per hundred copies, and one (1) dollar and twenty-five (25) cents for each additional hundred copies, or fraction thereof.

Class 21. Supplying paper, ruling same and binding into Dockets and Alphabets for the Houses, Committees and Departments as heretofore done, viz :

(1) Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) qr. books, Cap size, at thirty-seven and one-half ($37\frac{1}{2}$) cents each.

(2) One (1) qr. books, Cap size, at fifty-six and one-half ($56\frac{1}{2}$) cents each.

(3) Two (2) qr. books, Cap size, at seventy-five (75) cents each.

(4) Three (3) qr. books, Cap size, at one (1) dollar and thirty-five (35) cents each.

(5) Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) qr. books, Letter size, at thirty-five (35) cents each.

(6) One (1) qr. books, Letter size, at fifty (50) cts. each.

(7) Two (2) “ “ at sixty-five (65) “

Indexes or Alphabets made in any books of Class 21, at fifteen (15) cents each.

Other work, of too miscellaneous a character to be classified, to be done at prices not to exceed in any case those paid for similar work during last year, or late preceding years; which charges shall be subject to a review by the Committee of the Council on Accounts.

All work, excepting such as the State Printers' contract obligates them to deliver into the hands of the State Binder, to be taken from and returned to the State House by the said Alexander J. Cameron without expense to the State; and it is hereby agreed that the said Alexander J. Cameron is to perform all the folding, stitching, ruling and binding for the current political year, including all the Reports of all the State and Legislative officers and commissions for 1879, and thereafter until otherwise ordered by a subsequent Legislature, for which the State is held to pay, except the Reports of the decisions of the S. J. Court.

And for the faithful performance of all and every, the articles and agreements before mentioned, the said Alexander J. Cameron as principal, and the undersigned, C. B. Morton, G. W. Martin, B. F. Parrott, D. W. Pillsbury, A. Staples, L. J. Crooker, Oscar Holway, as sureties, hereby bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, unto the said State of Maine, in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

And in consideration of the covenants and agreements on the part of said Alexander J. Cameron herein before contained, the undersigned committee as aforesaid, by virtue and in pursuance of authority in them vested, in behalf of said State, hereby covenant and agree with said Alexander J. Cameron, in consideration of his performance of the service and work before specified, for said State, shall receive from said State as compensation therefor the amount which may be due him according to the before named prices.

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

ALEXANDER J. CAMERON.

Charles B. Morton, Geo. W. Martin, L. J. Crooker, A. Staples, D. W. Pillsbury, B. F. Parrott, Oscar Holway, Sureties.

NELSON THOMPSON,

On the part of the Senate.

WILDER W. PERRY,	} On the part of the House.
AARON H. WOODCOCK,	
EDWIN L. POOR,	
D. S. SIMPSON,	
S. B. CRAGIN,	
C. C. HOMER,	

STATE OF MAINE.

The undersigned, members of the Joint Special Committee on Printing and Binding, being unable to agree with the majority in a contract for binding, folding, &c., report a contract with Masters and Livermore, which is hereto annexed.

MOSES S. MAYHEW,
JAMES MORRISON, JR.,
Committee of the Senate.

W. F. RICHARDS,
Committee of the House.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Made this first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, between Andrew Masters and Danforth P. Livermore, Bookbinders and copartners under the firm name of Masters & Livermore of Hallowell, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, of the one part, and the Committee on Printing and Binding, of the Legislature of the State of Maine, acting for and in behalf of said State, of the other part,

Witnesseth :

That the said Masters & Livermore for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part, that they will in a proper, substantial, faithful and workmanlike manner, perform and execute the folding, stitching and binding for the said State, according to the specifications, and for the respective prices hereinafter mentioned, viz :

Signatures, to be folded and stitched at twenty (20) cents per hundred, and ten (10) cents for each additional signature per hundred.

Pamphlets of eight pages to be folded at ten (10) cents per hundred copies, of four pages, at six (6) cents per hundred copies.

Books. Covered with paper, cut, etc., of one signature, at forty (40) cents per hundred, and fifteen cents per hundred for each additional signature.

Acts and Resolves and all books bound in a similar manner, twelve (12) cents per copy.

Plates at ten (10) cents per hundred copies.

Reports and Abstracts of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, bound in full cloth, at twenty-five (25) cents per copy, bound with cloth back and sewed, at fifteen (15) cents per copy.

Miscellaneous Work, not specified in the contract, will be subject to a revision of the Committee of the Council on Accounts.

All work to be taken from and returned to the State House by the said Masters & Livermore, without expense to the State; the said Masters & Livermore to cut all pamphlets and documents folded, stitched and bound by them in all cases when the cutting can be done without additional charge to the State, it being hereby agreed that the said Masters & Livermore are to perform all the folding, stitching and binding, including all the reports of officers of 1879 for which the State is held to pay, except the reports of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court; and that this contract remain in force until a new contract is made and ratified by the Legislature.

And for the faithful performance of all and every the articles and agreement before mentioned, the said Masters & Livermore as principals, and the undersigned Justin E. Smith and James H. Leigh as sureties, all of Hallowell aforesaid, hereby bind themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally unto the said State of Maine, in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and in consideration of the covenants and agreements on the part of said Masters & Livermore hereinbefore contained, the undersigned Committee as aforesaid, by virtue and in pursuance of authority in them vested, in behalf of said State, hereby covenant and agree with said Masters & Livermore in consideration of their performance of the service and work before specified, for said State, shall receive from said State as compensation therefor, the amount which may be due them according to the before named prices.

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

MASTERS & LIVERMORE, Principals.

Justin E. Smith, James H. Leigh, Sureties.

MOSES S. MAYHEW,

JAMES MORRISON, JR.,

Committee on Printing and Binding on part of Senate.

W. F. RICHARDS,

Committee on Printing and Binding of the House.

Explanation of contracts for State Binding and Stitching for 1879, presented by majority and minority reports of Joint Select Committee.

From January 1st to December 31st, 1878, Binding and Stitching for the State was done and paid for amounting to, in round figures, \$6,800.00. Of that amount about \$4,100.00 was paid for what has formerly been known as "Specified" work, and the balance for "Miscellaneous." Those amounts are taken as a fair basis to see how much lower, in the aggregate, each contract presented here for 1879, would do precisely the same work required last year,—also to ascertain how much higher or lower one contract for 1879 is than the other, as follows :

OF "SPECIFIED" WORK.

Masters & Livermore's contract will do same quantity and kind as done last year, for less than \$2,850.00, a saving from 1878 of 30 7-12 per cent. (see Table No. 1,) equal to more than \$1,250.00. For same work Cameron's contract calls for upwards of \$3,550.00, a saving from 1878 of 13 1-6 per cent. (see Table No. 1,) being less than \$550.00. This leaves the Masters & Livermore contract about 20 per cent. (see Table No. 2,) or more than \$700.00 below that of Cameron for "Specified" work, thus :

	Amount during year.	Below 1878.		Below Cameron.		
		Average per cent.	Amount.	Average per cent.	Amount.	
Under contract of 1878.....	\$4,100	-	-	-	-	1878.
Required by Masters & Livermore's contract, 1879.....	2,846	30 7-12	\$1,255	20	\$714	Masters & Livermore.
Required by A. J. Cameron's contract, 1879.....	3,560	13 1-6	540	-	-	A. J. Cameron.

OF "MISCELLANEOUS" WORK.

Cameron's contract classifies it so far as possible, and for each class there is quoted a stated scale of precise charges, under which the same quantity of that kind of work required

last year would be done for considerably less than \$1,900.00, a saving from 1878 of 30 1-3 per cent. (see Table No. 3,) amounting to upwards of \$800.00. Masters & Livermore's contract lumps this same work into one clause, containing no reference whatever to specific charges—just as in former contracts—allowing them the right of claiming any prices they see fit to make. And it is a reasonable presumption that by virtue of such right the charges of last year at least would be claimed and justly allowed. This leaves the Cameron contract 30 1-3 per cent. (see Table No. 3,) or more than \$800.00 below that of Masters & Livermore for "Miscellaneous" work, thus :

	Amount during year.	Below Masters & Livermore.		
		Average per cent.	Amount.	
Under contract of 1878.....	\$2,700	-	-	1878.
Required by Masters & Livermore's contract, 1878.....	2,700	-	-	Masters & Livermore's.
Required by A. J. Cameron's contract, 1879.....	1,881	30½	\$819	A. J. Cameron's.

TOTALS.

Thus it will be seen that for the Binding, Stitching, &c., of work, similar in quantity and kind to the aggregate done in 1878, the aggregate amount of money required by the terms of Masters & Livermore's contract is upwards of \$100.00 more than the amount required by the terms of Cameron's contract, thus :

If same quantity and kind of work were done under either contract for 1879 that was done	During 1878,	The amount required would be for contract of		
		Masters & Livermore.	A. J. Cameron.	
As "Specified" work, amounting to.....	\$4,100	\$2,846	\$3,560	Aggregate amount required by Masters & Livermore's contract more than by Cameron's.
As "Miscellaneous" work, amounting to.....	2,700	2,700	1,881	
Totals	\$6,800	\$5,546	\$5,441	\$105

And should the amount of printing for this year be materially less than was required last year, the amount for binding "Specified" work will alone be proportionately reduced. This will result in a very material reduction of the amount Masters & Livermore are below Cameron on that work, and a corresponding increase in the amount Cameron is below them on the whole year's work.

"Miscellaneous" work represents the actual requirements of the several departments of the government, and does not vary much—it cannot—from year to year, and therein lies the importance of the manner in which Masters & Livermore's contract covers "Miscellaneous" work.

TABLE NO. 1. "*Specified*" work.

Prices quoted and claimable for State Binding, &c., for 1879, by contracts of Masters & Livermore and of A. J. Cameron, for work covered by the first six specifications or classes of said contracts.

Prices paid for same classes of work last year are taken as a basis for comparison, and shows, thus: that *Cameron's* prices *average* 13 1-6 per cent. *below* those of 1878, and *Masters & Livermore's* *average* 30 7-12 per cent. *below* those of 1878, on what has heretofore been known as "Specified" work, thus:

Class of work.	Item of Class.	A. J. Cameron's contract, 1879.		Prices paid in 1878.	Masters & Livermore's contract, 1879.		Item of Class.	Class of work.
		Per cent. below 1878.	Prices		Prices.	Per cent. below 1878.		
1	first,	10	09	cts. 10	cts. 6	40	first,	1
	second,	12½	14	16	10	37½	second,	
2	first,	20	24	30	20	33½	first,	2
	second,	20	36	45	30	33½	second,	
	third,	20	12	15	10	33½	third,	
3	first,	16½	50	60	40	33½	first,	3
	second,	6½	75	80	55	31½	second,	
	third,	—	20	20	15	25	third,	
4	—	33½	10	15	10	33½	—	4
5	—	10	13½	15	12	20	—	5
6	first,	—	32	32	25	22	first,	6
	second,	10	18	20	15	25	second,	
Total per cent. below 1878.....		158				367		
Average per cent. below 1878.....		13 1-6				30 7-12		

TABLE No. 2. "Specified" work continued.

A comparison of Masters & Livermore's prices with Cameron's for "Specified" work, being prices for work covered by first six classes of Cameron's contract, and also by first six specifications of Masters & Livermore's, which latter average about 20 per cent. below Cameron on "Specified" work, thus :

Class of work.	Item of class.	Prices.		Per	Masters & Livermore are	Per cent.
		Specifically quoted by contract of A. J. Cameron.	Allowed in 1878 and claimable by contract of Masters & Livermore.			
		cts.	cts.			
1	first,	09	06	100 Copies.	below Cameron,	33 $\frac{1}{3}$
	second,	14	10	"	" "	28 $\frac{1}{3}$
2	first,	24	20	"	" "	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
	second,	36	30	"	" "	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
	third,	12	10	"	" "	16 $\frac{2}{3}$
3	first,	50	40	"	" "	20
	second,	75	55	"	" "	26 $\frac{2}{3}$
	third,	20	15	"	" "	25
4	-	10	10	"	" "	-
5	-	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	Copy.	" "	11
6	first,	32	25	"	" "	22
	second,	18	15	"	" "	16 $\frac{2}{3}$

Total per cent. Masters & Livermore are below Cameron on above, 232.

Average per cent. Masters & Livermore are below Cameron on above, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TABLE No. 3. "Miscellaneous" work.

Prices charged and allowed last year for "Miscellaneous" work, which prices at least Masters & Livermore are entitled to claim and be allowed by the terms of their contract for said work, compared with specific prices for each class of said work quoted in Cameron's contract. Prices Masters & Livermore average upwards of 30 per cent. above Cameron's, thus :

Class of Work.	Smallest quantity ordered at a time for average.	Rate under Prices, as		Per	Masters & Livermore are	Per Cent.
		Specifically quoted by contract of A. J. Cameron.	Allowed in 1878 and claimable by contract of Masters & Livermore.			
Ruling of 7	100 Copies.	\$ cts. 13	\$ cts. 16	Copy.	above Cameron.	23
Binding of 7	50 "	12½	14	"	"	12
8	400 "	10	14	"	"	40
9	125 "	1 25	1 60	100 Copies.	"	28
10	100 "	55	75	"	"	36
11	2,000 "	19½	25	"	"	28
12	500 "	17	20	"	"	18
13	20,000 "	07½	10	"	"	29
14	300 "	23½	33½	"	"	43
15	100 "	80	1 00	"	"	25
16	169 "	66¾	1 00	"	"	50
17	400 "	50	62½	"	"	25
18	200 "	60	75	"	"	25
19	200 "	1 50	2 00	"	"	33½
20	100 "	2 50	3 50	"	"	40

Total per cent. Masters & Livermore are above Cameron on above, 455.

Average per cent. Masters & Livermore are above Cameron on above, 30½.

NOTE.—The smallest single order given last year for work under each class is chosen for examples, being least favorable for Cameron's contract. Larger single orders done at Cameron's prices are more beneficial to the State,—i. e., the average prices per "Copy," or per "100 Copies," would be less.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 22, 1879.

On motion by Mr. MAYHEW of Kennebec, *Ordered*, That the Majority and Minority Reports lie on the table and be printed, with the accompanying Contracts.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.