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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Maryland Penitentiary

MADE TO THE

EXECUTIVE,

AND

Communicated by His Excellency, Governor Kent,
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REPORT
ON THE
PENITENTIARY.

Letter from the President of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary to His Excellency Governor Kent, accompanying the annual report on said institution.

Baltimore, December 15th, 1827.

To his Excellency,
The Governor of Maryland.

SIR.

In compliance with the law ordering the same, I have the honor to present to your Excellency, the enclosed annual abstract of the proceedings of the Maryland Penitentiary.

The Board of Directors, with pleasure join me in stating to your Excellency, that the prosperous condition of the Maryland Penitentiary is owing to the unremitting attention of its Superintending Committee, Keeper, and other officers.

To the accompanying Report of the Committee, I beg leave to call your attention

I remain sir, with due respect,

Your Excellency's most ob't,

Humble Serv't.

W. M'DONALD, Pres't.

REPORT

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, held on Saturday 15th December 1827.

“The Committee of Superintendence made the following Report, which was read and ordered to be copied and attached to the documents for the Executive.”

*To the Board of Directors of the
Maryland Penitentiary.*

GENTLEMEN:

Your Committee of Superintendence, herewith hand you the annual statement of the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary, ending on the thirtieth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

From this, it appears that after defraying its large amount of annual expense, the profit of the House, for the last year, has been nineteen thousand two hundred and fifty eight dollars and ninety seven cents.

By reference to the profit and loss account, you will discover that the account of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, which had been created for the purpose of exhibiting the yearly instalments for the reduction of the state loan of eighteen hundred and twenty two, and which has always remained an open account, in order to shew yearly the actual gain of the house (each instalment constituting a part) is now closed and rescinded from the account of stock. It will hereafter be closed yearly in the same manner, because the sums paid, being entirely without the control of the house, it is improper that they should be considered a part of its capitol.

The business of the institution has been much larger this year than formerly, yet the exhibits shew that the amount of debts due to and from the institution is much smaller than was usual. By making prompt collections, your committee have been enabled to purchase with cash, and have thus added to the profits, nine hundred and seventy nine ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, which amount appears in the profit and loss account,

as an item of discount obtained on purchases of supplies, and raw materials for manufacture.

In addition to the usual expense, you will hereafter have to provide the sum of about five thousand four hundred dollars per annum for several years, to defray the interest on the existing and authorised loans, and pay the annual instalments to the sinking fund, created according to law for their redemption.

But your committee are of the opinion that notwithstanding this great increase of its annual burdens, the institution will under its present improved management, in a few years be enabled to pay all of its expenses, and thus should no unforeseen or improbable disaster occur in its affairs, relieve the state from any further expense in this department of its government.

By making it the positive duty of a select and permanent committee, to superintend the purchase and sales of the institution, great economy has already been instituted and much profit realized.

We may further add, that the annual instalments, to be paid, by the institution to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, as a sinking fund, together with the interest that will accrue therefrom by the time appointed for the redemption of the loans, will so much have exceeded their amount as to refund in a great measure the advances that have formerly been made by the state on account of the institution.

Your committee have the satisfaction to state that several of the convicts who have been discharged from the Penitentiary within the last three years, have shown by their subsequent conduct a perfect reformation, and are now useful citizens, and when the improvements that we at present contemplate shall have been made in the building and management of the institution, we believe that society will derive every benefit from the system that has at any time been expected or promised by its most sanguine friends.

By providing small cells, in which the convicts can be lodged separately at night, instead of confining eight or ten in one room, a great moral restraint will be imposed, that must produce the most salutary consequences.

The present discipline does not allow them to converse

with each other while at work, or during their meals, and when separately lodged; a measure of solitary confinement will be inflicted daily on each convict, that will produce a happy moral effect, without any injury to the health of the criminal or burden to the institution.

This system by which convicts will be punished in a manner to deter others from the perpetration of crimes, whilst it relieves society from any burden, is certainly worthy of the highest admiration and must redound to the honor of this state.

We are gentlemen,

With great respect,

Your ob't serv't,

(Signed,)

GEORGE KEYSER,
THOMAS SHEPPARD.

} Com. of
Superin-
tendence.

No. 1.

ABSTRACT OF PRISONERS

Received into the MARYLAND PENITENTIARY, from 1st December, 1826, to 30th November, 1827, inclusive.

CRIMES.	WHITES.		BLACKS.		AMERICANS.					FOREIGNERS.				COUNTIES WHERE CONVICTED.																			
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Maryland.	Pennsylvania.	Virginia.	New York.	Delaware.	New Orleans.	England.	Ireland.	Scotland.	Germany.	Baltimore.	Caroline.	Frederick.	Harford.	Washington.	Dorchester.	Prince-Georges.	Worcester.	Queen Anne's.	Talbot.	St. Mary's.	Anne Arundel.	Montgomery.	Cecil.	Kent.	Somerset.	Charles.		
22 Stealing,	15		7		15	2	1					2	1		5		4		2														
40 Felony,	15	1	16	8	26	2	5	1	1	1		4	1	1	30	3	2	2	2			2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1				
1 Burglary	1				1												2					1								2			
2 Horse Stealing,	2				1	1													1														
3 Murder in the second degree,	3				1		1					1			1		1				1												
1 Perjury,	1					1													1												1		
1 Attempt to commit a rape,			1		1														1														
1 Concealing himself in a House,			1		1										1							1											
3 Kidnapping,	2			1	3										1					2													
1 Manslaughter,	1										1				1																		
1 Murder,	1										1				1																		
2 Forgery,	2				2						1				1		1																
78	43	1	25	9	51	6	7	1	1	1	2	7	1	1	40	4	8	2	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	1		
	78		67					11				78																					

No. 2.

ABSTRACT OF PRISONERS,

Received into the MARYLAND PENITENTIARY, from 1st December, 1826, to 30th November, 1827, inclusive.

Of 78 Prisoners Received,

1 was for 1 year,
 36 were for 2 years,
 6 were for 3 years,
 4 were for 4 years,
 12 were for 5 years,
 2 were for 6 years,
 8 were for 7 years,
 1 was for 8 years,
 1 was for 9 years,
 4 were for 10 years,
 1 was for 13 years,
 1 was for 14 years,
 1 was for 15 years,

78

Of 51 Natives of Maryland, there were born in

Baltimore county,	- - - - -	22
Charles, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Somerset, - - - - -	- - - - -	2
Frederick, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Washington, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Dorchester, - - - - -	- - - - -	2
Worcester, - - - - -	- - - - -	4
Queen Anne's, - - - - -	- - - - -	2
Talbot, - - - - -	- - - - -	3
Kent, - - - - -	- - - - -	3
Prince George's - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Caroline, - - - - -	- - - - -	4
St. Mary's, - - - - -	- - - - -	1
Montgomery, - - - - -	- - - - -	3
Anne Arundel, - - - - -	- - - - -	1

51

Prisoners Discharged

From 1st December, 1826, to 30th November 1827, inclusive.

61 their time of servitude having expired.
 17 by pardon.
 2 died.

80

307 Prisoners remained in the Penitentiary, 30th November, 1826.

78 Prisoners were received from 1st December, 1826, to 30th Nov. 1827, inclusive.

385

80 were discharged as above.

305 remaining in the Penitentiary 30th November, 1827.

NO. 3.

INVENTORY

Of the GOODS on hand belonging to the MARYLAND PENITENTIARY.

	Dolls.	Cts.	Dolls.	Cts.		Dolls.	Cts.		
<i>Cord-Waining Account.</i>						Amount Brought forward,		37,973 73	
1,565 pair of Shoes, coarse and fine, - - - - -	2,298	35			<i>Carding and Spinning Account.</i>				
Materials on hand, - - - - -	6	20			Sundry materials of Wool, Yarn, Soft Soap, &c. - - - - -	244	10		
Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	317	60			Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	268	45		
			2,622	18	<i>Brush making Account; or, Carpenter's Shop.</i>			512 55	
<i>Comb Making Account.</i>						Sundry Shuttle Mounting, Lumber, &c. - - - - -	99	25	
4,378 Horn Combs, - - - - -	134	32			Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	233	45		
680 Ox Horns and other Materials, - - - - -	303	47			<i>Household Expense Account.</i>			332 73	
Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	794	90		1,232	Sundry articles of Furniture and implements in the front house in Pri- son, Carpenters', Tailors, and other shops, in the yard, in woman's shops, &c. - - - - -			3,084 63	
				69	<i>Fuel Account.</i>				
<i>Sawing Account.</i>						207 Cords of Oak Wood, and hauling the same, - - - - -	972	75	
1 set Blocks, Teackle and Fall, - - - - -	50	00			67 do. Pine do do. - - - - -	159	12		
19 Saws—various sizes, and 25 Saw Heads and Beams, - - - - -	100	00						831 87	
Sundry other Implements, - - - - -	427	65		577	<i>Furniture and Bedding Account.</i>				
				65	6 Beds and Bed-steads in Guard Room, - - - - -	5	00	30 00	
<i>Smithing Account.</i>						11 pair Sheets, - - - - -	1	00	11 00
Sundry Manufactured Goods, - - - - -	365	89			9 pair of Blankets, - - - - -	1	50	13 50	
Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	227	00			3 pair do. - - - - -	1	00	3 00	
			592	89	6 double Coverlids, - - - - -	8	00	48 00	
<i>Dying Account.</i>						6 single do. - - - - -	5	00	30 00
898 pounds of Indigo, - - - - -	2,424	60			11 sets Beds, bed steads and bedding, in hospital - - - - -			55 00	
Sundry other Dye Stuffs, - - - - -	1,096	07			175 Beds in Prison, and unused, - - - - -			262 50	
Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	417	32			470 Blankets, do. - - - - -			352 50	
			3,937	99	99 do new, - - - - -	1	50	148 50	
<i>Weaving Account.</i>						13 single Beds in Hospital cells, - - - - -			13 00
82,159 yards Cloth—various, - - - - -	12,508	59			168 single coverlids in Prison, and unused, - - - - -			840 00	
Sundry Webs in Looms, and Yarn in shops and store, - - - - -	5,546	20			<i>Clothing Account.</i>			1,807 00	
Implements and Furniture, - - - - -	2,119	00		20,173	244 yards Wollen and Cotton Cloths, - - - - -	397	05		
				79	747 new and half worn garments for prisoners, in store, - - - - -	843	55		
<i>Hatting Account.</i>								1,240 60	
1,260 Coarse Hats, - - - - -	5,823	75			<i>Provision Account.</i>				
1,078 do. unfinished in shop, - - - - -	645	60			Sundry Lots of Flour, Molasses, Potatoes, &c. - - - - -			810 28	
Sundry Materials, - - - - -	1,948	38						\$ 46,593 39	
Implements and furniture, - - - - -	598	81							
			8,836	54					
Amount carried forward,				\$37,973	73				

No. 4.

List of Debts

Due to the *MARYLAND PENITENTIARY* by sundry persons.

William Winchester, - - - -	67 43	Amount brought forward,	\$2,715 75
James C. Dew, - - - -	31 52	Estate of S. Hickley, deceased,	194 90
Jno. G. Neale, - - - -	44 98	John Brown,	71 08
Jno. Diffendall, - - - -	67 82	John A. Young,	54 28
Daniel Steever, - - - -	19 04	Joshua C. David,	59 94
Clement Dorsey, - - - -	28 50	James Brown,	34 47
Timothy Richards, - - - -	22 83	Aaron Cain,	56 68
R. G. Wellford, - - - -	25	William Johnson,	55 18
John Stevenson, - - - -	17 31	H. Hewett,	1 84
Conn'd. McElderry - - - -	20 42	A. Stallings,	61 05
Joseph J. Sindall, - - - -	154 79	James Disney,	54 19
Blake and Robertson, - - - -	358 18	Alexander Noble,	59 26
Thomas Mummey, - - - -	46 12	James Dougherty,	332 57
James F. Symington, - - - -	359 80	Warren Factory,	643 29
Thomes Towson, - - - -	373 14	Powhatan Manufacturing company	434 43
Levi Taylor, - - - -	272 03	G. T. Hopkins and Moore,	66 40
Boughman and Bevan, - - - -	326 51	Alexander Gaddes,	69 41
Hacker, Brown & Co. - - - -	421 00	C. Ridgely, of H.	43 00
John Fisher, - - - -	5 77	William F. Small,	115 00
George Brown, - - - -	20 22	Alexander Nisbit,	154 74
John Peal, - - - -	58 09	John Mortimer,	12 85
		F. Cooke,	32 30
		H. McElderry,	32 96
		David Burke,	95 78
Carried forward, .	\$2,715 75		\$5,451 35

NO. 5.

Dr.

Maryland Penitentiary.

Cr.

	Dolls.	Cts.		Dolls.	Cts.
To Baltimore county, - - - - -	1,777	99	By cash for amount of Balance on hand, - - - - -	643	90
To Montgomery county, - - - - -	49	25	By notes receivable, for amount of notes on hand, - - - - -	26,304	67
To Prince Georges' county, - - - - -	3	00	By Franklin Bank, for amount in deposit, - - - - -	1,543	30
To Talbot county, - - - - -	69	75	By Store in town, for amount of goods, &c. on hand at store, - - - - -	13,336	16
To Edward Grey, - - - - -	2,762	10	By Cordwaining account, for amount of Goods on hand, [as per Inventory herewith, -	2,622	18
To Suspense account, - - - - -	556	67	By Comb making account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	1,232	69
To Joseph Owens, - - - - -	21	34	By Sawing account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	577	65
To F. Lucas, Jr. - - - - -	30	60	By Smithing account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	592	89
To Mummey and Meredith, - - - - -	146	57	By Dying account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	3,937	99
To notes payable, for amount of notes not yet due, - - - - -	2,902	41	By Weaving account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	20,173	79
To bills of parcels, for amount of Bills of sundries unpaid, - - - - -	1,234	08	By Hatting account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	8,836	54
To Treasury department of Western Shore, amount drawn in part payment of materials, - - - - -	13,505	00	By Carding and Spinning account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	512	55
To stock account for amount the Nett Capital of the Institution, - - - - -	231,942	50	By Brushmaking account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	332	73
	\$255,001	25	By Household expenses, for amount do. do. - - - - -	3,084	63
			By Furniture and Bedding, for amount do. do. - - - - -	1,807	00
			By Clothing account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	1,240	60
			By Fuel account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	831	87
			By provision account, for amount do. do. - - - - -	810	28
			By new building for amount of materials purchased, and labor performed, - - - - -	15,622	74
			By amount of debts due from sundry persons as per list herewith, - - - - -	5,451	35
			By lot and improvements, for amount the lot and buildings thereon, - - - - -	145,505	75
				\$255,001	26

JOSEPH OWENS, Keeper,
JAMES M·EVOY, Book-Keeper.

No. 6.

Dr.

Profit and Loss.

Cr.

To Brushmaking account, or Carpenter's Shop, for loss by this act.	- - - -	98 20	By admitt ^e account for gain by receipts for admission,	- -	82 55
To Hatting Account, for loss by this account,	- - - -	212 37	By Discou ⁿ account, for gain by discounts on purchases,	- -	979 25
To interest account, paid one year's interest on State Loan,	- - - -	1,397 36	By Dying ^g count for gain on this account,	- - - -	2,565 39
To Commission account, paid amo ^{unt} the principal Keepers salary in the year,	- - - -	1,300 00	By Sawing ^g account for do do	- - - -	924 35
To Household expenses account, for loss on this account and its various branches,	- - - -	6,817 47	By Smith ^g account, for do do	- - - -	232 20
To George Mackubin, for balance of his account,	- - - - \$4,000 00		By Comb ^g aking account, for gain on this account,	- - - -	1,369 60
To Stock account for balance,	- - - - 15,258 97		By Weav ^g account, for do do	- - - -	12,610 14
		19,258 97	By Cardin ^g and Spinning account. for gain on this account,	- - - -	1,786 44
Gain of the year,	- - - -		By Cord ^g wning account,	- - - -	1,403 82
			By Prison ^g rs generally, for gain in their collective amounts,	- - - -	7,130 60
					29,084 37
		\$29,084 37			

N. B. The account of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, consisting of the yearly instalments that have been made for the reduction of the State Loan, has been hitherto preserved in the account of stock; as constituting a part of the profits of the house. It is now deemed proper to close it as above.

JOSEPH OWENS, Keeper.
 JAMES McEVOY, Book-Keeper.

Bea. to close it as usual

In the account of goods as contained in Part of the Balance of the
Statement this will be the only item of the kind.

M. V. The account of the Treasurer of the

To Stock account for balance

To Goods and Merchandise for balance of the account

To House hold expenses account for balance of the account

To Commission account for balance of the account

To Interest account for balance of the account

To Hauling account for balance of the account

To Miscellaneous account for balance of the account

Dr.

