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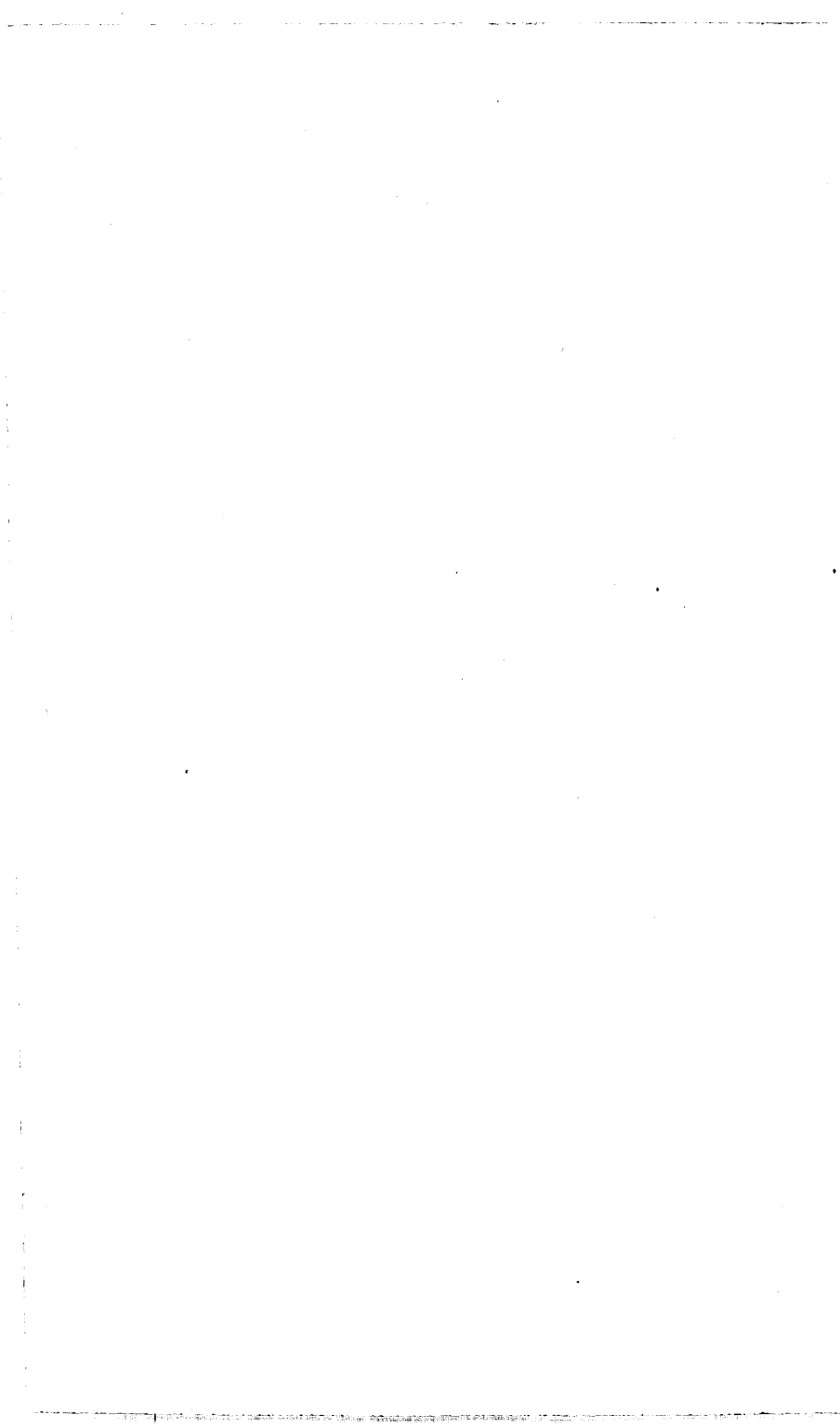
SENATE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith communicate for the consideration of the Legislature, the Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison at Thomaston.

ROBERT P. DUNLAP.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 2, 1835. }



State Prison Inspectors' Report.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine :

THE Inspectors of the State Prison commenced their Annual Examination of the Prison concerns, and the auditing, correcting and settling the accounts of the Warden, with the State and with the Prison, on the fifth day of January, 1835.

Their visit to the Prison, was deferred to this time, in consequence of the necessary absence of Messrs. Smith, and Knowles. They continued their examination until the eighth instant, when having examined and audited the Warden's general account with the State, they adjourned to the 16th, to afford the Clerk and Commissary, an opportunity to make up the accounts with the different departments.

On the 16th, 19th, and 20th, they finished auditing the accounts and now transmit to the Governor and Council, the Warden's account with the State, certified by the Inspectors, for the year ending the last day of Nov. 1834, and his account with the Prison, together with "an account
"of stock on hand of different kinds, as well at the begin-
"ning, as at the close of the year, the several sums expend-
"ed for materials, food, fuel, clothing, bedding, lights,
"tools, and other articles ; the amount of manufactures,
"and other articles sold from the Prison, together with an
"estimate of the probable income and expense for the
"next year."

By the Warden's account, including the credit for the amount received from the Treasurer of the State, it will appear that a balance of three thousand six hundred ninety two dollars and seventy two cents, is due from him to the State.

The account between the Prison and the State is as follows :—

Dr.	PRISON.	Cr.	
To amount of disbursements, as per Warden's acc't,	18,327 35	By sales, as per account,	18,631 73
To Stock on hand Octo- ber 31, 1833,	25,245 51	By Stock on hand, Octo- ber 31, 1834,	19,158 38
	<hr/>	By balance against,	<hr/> 5,752 75
	43,572 86		<hr/> 43,572 86

This account, as the Inspectors have had occasion to remark in previous Reports, cannot be critically correct, inasmuch as the amount of Stock is fixed according to the judgment of appraisers, and may vary somewhat from the true value, and the same articles may be appraised differently at the close, and at the commencement of the year.

The Inspectors at their present meeting, have examined the Prison, its books and records, the various work shops and offices, and find them all in good order. The convicts are obedient and orderly in their department, and cleanly in their persons. Their health has been as good during the present, as in any past year ; and their conduct has been generally, such as to meet the approbation of the officers.

The number of convicts at the last Annual Report, was seventy five. The present number is sixty four. Seventeen have been received at the Prison since the Inspectors' last Report, (Sept. 27,) and ten have been discharged on expiration of their sentences.

Those now in Prison are thus situated and employed, viz.

5.

Laborers and Lumpers,	11	In Smith's Shop,	5—16
Stone Cutters,	17	Shoe making,	9—26
Wheelwrights,	4	Tailors,	4—8
Shoebinders,	1	Cooks,	2—3
Washers,	1	Attending the sick,	1—2
Waiters,	2	Barbers,	1—3
In solitary confinement by order of Warden,			1—1
Invalids,	3	Sick in Hospital,	2—5
Aggregate, - - - - -			64

The following punishments have been inflicted by the Warden, since the Inspectors' last Report.

Nov. 11. James Mitchell, for fighting with James Coswell, sentenced to six days solitary confinement.

“ 11. James Conolly, for fighting with James Mitchell, sentenced to six days solitary confinement.

Jan. 1. Manuel D. Silver, for disobeying the orders of Mr. Day, one of the Overseers, and using profane language, sentenced to five days solitary confinement.

Mr. Asa Perkins has been appointed by the Warden, Deputy Warden, in the place of George W. Wormwell, resigned.

The Subordinate Officers of the Prison, and their respective compensations, are as follows :

Asa Perkins, Dep. Warden, compensation per an.	\$340
John Jones, Clerk and Commissary, “	400
James Burd, Overseer of Shoemakers Shop, “	340
Ezekiel Stearns, “ Stone Shop, “	400
William Day, “ Lime Quarry, “	300
James W. Bogues, Guard, “	280
Theodore P. Howard, “	280
Abner Miller, “	280
Peter Williams, Jr. “	280

Ephraim Hall,	“	“	280
Archibald McKellar,	“	“	2 8
Robinson Monk,	“	“	280

Ebenezer P. Staples, employed as Overseer and laborer in the Blacksmiths shop, at one dollar and 25 cents per day.

The Warden has contracted with Mr. Thomas O'Brien, to transport the convicts from the different Goals in the State, and from the custody of any officer of Court, to the Prison, for the present year, for three hundred and ninety dollars, and he has given bond for the faithful performance of the contract.

Prior to October last, the Warden advertised according to law, for Sealed Proposals for furnishing and delivering at the Prison, food, clothing, bedding and raw materials necessary for the Prison, and no proposal to furnish any of the articles aforesaid at a price below the sum estimated by the Inspectors, as the lowest price for which said articles could be furnished, being made, he was advised by the Inspectors to procure supplies for the Prison, in such manner as he might deem most for the interest of the Institution. And purchases have been made and supplies furnished by him from time to time, and at such times and from such persons as offered the most favorable terms, whether in small or large quantities.

Six thousand four hundred and thirty five dollars and twenty cents, the proceeds of Granite shipped to New Orleans in 1833, and which in the Inspectors Annual Report, constituted an item in the account of the Stock on hand, has been received and credited the State by the Warden. He has also disposed of a part of the Granite which has been in New York for a market since 1833. On this stone, owing to the strong prejudice existing there, against all State Prison work, and the cost of storage,

there will probably be considerable loss. The Inspectors have advised the Warden to have this Stone disposed of as soon as may be at the opening of the spring, at auction, if no more favorable mode is furnished, or to have it transported to another market.

No part of the demands against Ira Norris and his surety Mr. Holt, or from Foster Bryant, has been recovered since the last Annual Report of the Inspectors.

Judgment has recently been recovered against Foster Bryant for the amount of his notes and interest, and legal measures are now being had to coerce payment.

The principal expenditure during the past year, under the head, Building and Repairs, has arisen from the re-building of the Prison Lime Kilns, at an expense of \$533 33. From these, in consequence of the time taken in re-building, and the low price of Lime, there has been but little profit during the past season.

The Inspectors have pursued the following calculations in order to ascertain the expense of food per day, and of clothing a year, for each convict.

Cost of Clothing for a Convict, per year.

Stock on hand, Nov. 1, 1833,	-	-	756 12
“ purchased since,	-	-	1,656 75
			<hr/>
			2,412 87
Stock on hand, Oct. 31, 1834, deducted,	-		565 77
			<hr/>
Divided by average number of persons,	67½)	1847 10
			<hr/>
Cost per year,	-	-	\$18 79

In the above calculation, is not included the new clothing given to convicts on their discharge from Prison.

Cost of Provisions for a Convict, per day.

Provision on hand, Nov. 1, 1833,	-	2,266 08
“ purchased since,	-	1,745 49
		<hr/>
		4,011 57
Provisions on hand, Oct. 31, 1834, deducted,		1,252 14
Divided by 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 365, the average number } of prisoners and days in the year, }		<hr/>
		2,759 43
Cost per day,		11cts. 2m.

The net income of the Line Rock Quarry, paying every expense, except for Guard and Overseer, is \$2,152 18, the sum divided by the number of days' work performed in the Quarry, gives 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents earnings of each convict employed in the Quarry, per day.

The net income of the Shoemakers' Department, paying every expense, except the Guard and Overseer, is \$858 98, which divided by the number of days' work performed gives 36 cents 7 mills earnings of a convict, per day.

The income of the Wheelwrights' Department, paying every expense, except for Guard, is \$553 99, and by the same process, gives 50 cents 8 mills per day, for the labor of each convict.

The income of the Granite Department, paying every expense, except for Overseers and Guard, is \$1,460 08, which by the above process, gives 22 cts. 6 mills per day for the labor of each convict. To guard the Granite Yard, there are constantly employed three men, and sometimes four, besides the Overseer.

The Inspectors forbear to express any speculative views they may entertain, respecting the propriety of warming the various shops and offices of the Prison, in some other than the way at present employed; of the removal of the shops occupied by the Shoemakers, Wheelwrights and Blacksmiths, and of erecting others, differently construct-

ed and differently located ; or as to the propriety of a different direction being given to the labor of the convicts employed at the Stone Shop, or of some mode of guarding the same at a less expense, believing that the Report of the able Committee appointed by the Legislature, for the purpose of examining into the general concerns of the Prison, will probably embrace these, as well as other subjects which may tend to decrease the expense of the Prison to the State.

The Warden in his Report to the Inspectors, represents Samuel Prouty, to be a convict, under sentence for life, that he is thirty-five years old, and was convicted of an attempt to commit a rape, that he has been confined in Prison, in pursuance of his sentence over ten years, that his conduct during his imprisonment has been uniformly correct. He further observes, "that it is his belief to continue Prouty longer in Prison, will neither be productive of good to him, or be beneficial to the community."

The Inspectors, in consideration of Prouty's good conduct in Prison, and that he has already been confined a term of time, beyond which, no person guilty of the offence for which he is convicted, under the most aggravated circumstances, can be sentenced under the present law, concur in the opinion expressed by the Warden, and respectfully recommend the said Prouty to the clemency of the Governor and Council.

Respectfully submitted by the Inspectors of the State Prison.

(Signed,)

EDWIN SMITH,
ABNER KNOWLES,
HENRY INGRAHAM.

Thomaston, Jan. 20, 1835.

The Warden's account, certified by the Inspectors.

State of Maine in account current with Joel Miller, Warden of the State Prison.

Dr.

Cr.

1884.				
Oct. 31.	To Provisions during the year as per ac't.	1745 49	By received for articles sold during the	
"	" Clothing, including Shoes, - - -	1078 05	year as per account, including fees	
"	" Fuel and Lights, - - -	865 58	from visitors, - - -	18631 78
"	" Transporting Convicts from County		" Amount received of State Treasurer,	
"	Jails, - - -	390 00	for Officers' Salaries, - - -	3388 34
"	" Cash and Clothing to Convicts dis-			
"	charged, - - -	578 70		
"	" Salaries of officers exclusive of War-			
"	den, - - -	4211 48		
"	" Buildings and Repairs, - - -	777 92		
"	" Physician's Bill, - - -	100 00		
"	" Rough Granite, Raw Materials, In-			
"	cidental Expenses, &c. - - -	8430 13		
"	" Chaplain's Bill, - - -	150 00		
"	" Balance due State, - - -	3692 72		
		<u>\$22020 07</u>		<u>\$22020 07</u>

Amount of Stock on hand at the beginning, and at the close of the year.

Amount of Stock on hand Oct. 31, 1883, as per		Amount of Stock on hand Oct. 31, 1884,	
Stock Books, - - - - -	25,245 51	as per Stock Book, - - - - -	19,158 38
The expenses for the year 1885, will probably amount to,	- - - - -		\$16,290 00
The income for the year 1885, will probably amount to,	- - - - -		\$15,000 00

**Statement of the Receipts and Profits, Expenditures and Disbursements, and
General Concerns of the State Prison, for the year ending October 31, 1834.**

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

No. 1.	<i>Dr.</i>	Stone Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
1834.			
Oct. 31.	To Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1833,	15905 93	By received and charged for Granite sold
"	" do. do. purchased since,	3859 56	during the year, as per account,
"	" One Overseer's salary, - - -	400 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
"	" Balance in favor, - - - -	1060 08	
		<u>\$21225 57</u>	<u>10438 63</u>
			<u>10786 94</u>
			<u>\$21225 57</u>

No. 2.	<i>Dr.</i>	Lime Quarry.	<i>Cr.</i>
1834.			
Oct. 31.	To Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1833,	226 75	By received and charged for Limerock sold
"	" do. do. purchased since, -	420 84	during the year, as per account, -
"	" One Overseer's Salary, - - - -	300 00	" Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
"	" Balance in favor, - - - -	1852 18	
		<u>\$2799 77</u>	2630 27
			169 50
			<u>\$2799 77</u>

No. 3.*Dr.***Shoemaking.***Cr.*

1834.				
Oct. 31.	To	Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1833,	1295 88	By received and charged for Shoes and Boots,
	"	" " purchased since, -	2099 94	sold during the year, as per account,
	"	One Overseer's Salary, - -	340 00	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
	"	Balance in favor, - - -	518 98	
			<u>\$4254 80</u>	<u>\$4254 80</u>

No. 4.*Dr.***Wheelwrights' and Carpenters' Department.***Cr.*

1834.				
Oct. 31.	To	Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1833,	1104 67	By received and charged for wagons, sleighs,
	"	Purchased since, - - - -	763 91	&c. sold during the year, as per account,
	"	Balance in favor, - - - -	553 99	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
			<u>\$2422 57</u>	<u>\$2422 57</u>

INCOME DEPARTMENTS—CONTINUED.

No. 5.	<i>Dr.</i>	Blacksmiths' Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
1834.			
Oct. 31.	To Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1833,	1327 73	By received and charged for articles sold
	“ “ “ purchased since,	716 20	during the year, as per account, -
	“ One Overseer's Salary, - -	380 00	“ Stock and tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
	“ Balance in favor, - - -	602 19	1927 49
			1098 63
		<u>\$3026 12</u>	<u>\$3026 12</u>

No. 6.	<i>Dr.</i>	Other Departments.	<i>Cr.</i>
1834.			
Oct. 31.	To Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1833,	219 12	By received and charged for sundries du-
	“ “ “ purchased since,	2 84	ring the year, as per account, -
	“ Balance in favor, - - -	19 24	“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1834,
			96 45
		<u>\$241 20</u>	144 75
			<u>\$241 20</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

No. 1.	<i>Dr.</i>	Provision Account.	<i>Cr.</i>							
1834.										
Oct. 31.	To Provisions on hand, Nov. 1, 1833, " do. purchased since, - - -	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">2266 08</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">1745 49</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$4011 57</td></tr> </table>	2266 08	1745 49	\$4011 57	By Provisions on hand, Oct. 31, 1834, " Amount consumed, - - - -	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">1252 14</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">2759 43</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$4011 57</td></tr> </table>	1252 14	2759 43	\$4011 57
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No. 2.	<i>Dr.</i>	Clothing and Convicts discharged.	<i>Cr.</i>							
1834.										
Oct. 31.	To Clothing and Shoes on hand, Nov. 1, 1833, do. purchased since, - - - - -	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">756 12</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">1656 75</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$2412 87</td></tr> </table>	756 12	1656 75	\$2412 87	By Clothing on hand, Oct. 31, 1834, - - " Amount furnished, - - - - -	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">565 77</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">1847 10</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$2412 87</td></tr> </table>	565 77	1847 10	\$2412 87
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EXPENSE ACCOUNTS—CONTINUED.

No. 3.	<i>Dr.</i>	Furniture and Fuel Accounts.	<i>Cr.</i>	
1834.				
Oct. 31.	To Furniture and Fuel on hand, Nov. 1, 1833,	1803 17	By Furniture and Fuel on hand, Oct. 31, 1834,	1608 42
	" " " purchased since,	909 89	" Amount consumed, - - - -	1104 64
		<u>\$2713 06</u>		<u>\$2713 06</u>

No. 4.	<i>Dr.</i>	Buildings and Repairs, Expense Account, &c.	<i>Cr.</i>	
1834.				
Oct. 31.	To Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1833,	340 06	By Stock and Tools on hand, Oct. 31, 1834,	393 75
	" do. purchased since, including Expense Account—pay of Subordinate Officers, Chaplain and Physician, - -	4731 93	" Balance against, - - - -	4673 24
		<u>\$5071 99</u>		<u>\$5071 99</u>

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 2d, 1835.

ORDERED, that three hundred copies of the foregoing Report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

(Extract from Journal.)

(Attest,)

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary*.