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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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NO. 15.

HOUSE.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WARDEN OF THE MAINE STATE PRISON.

OFFICE MAINE STATE PRISON, }
Thomaston, Jan. 22d, 1836. }

JOHATHAN CILLEY, ESQ.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR,

Please lay before the Legislature this Report, shewing the condition of this Institution for the year commencing Nov. 1, 1834, and ending October 31st, 1835.

Respectfully, your Obt. Servant,
JOEL MILLER, Warden.

The amount due the State from Stephen Holt of New York is yet due and unpaid. The Thomaston Bank and the Central Bank, Hallowell, have each recovered judgement against Foster Bryant, no part of which has to my knowledge been paid by Bryant. Edwin Smith, Esq. was employed the

early part of the last summer to go to New York and Philadelphia for the purpose of adjusting and bringing these demands to a close, but was unable to procure payment at that time. The reduced number of convicts at this prison has rendered the institution by far less productive than was anticipated, the same number of guards and overseers being required for the sixty-five convicts, (the number now in prison,) as would be required for three times that number, and the same expense for fuel, &c. &c. I deem it unnecessary to trouble the Legislature with any remarks in relation to the construction, location or discipline of the Prison, or of the productiveness or unproductiveness of the various departments connected with the institution, inasmuch as the Committee appointed by the Governor and Council in pursuance of a Resolve of the last Legislature, have visited the Prison for the purpose of examination, and will I have no doubt in their Report exhibit a very full and particular account of the operations of the institution. There was due from the Warden to the State upon a settlement of his account up to 31st October, 1834, \$1,142 74, which amount has been paid to the State by being deducted from the amount due from the State to individuals. It will appear that the amount due from the Warden to the State though fully paid, cannot appear in the Treasurer's Report of the Finances, as the same did not pass through his

hands. A part of the demands due the State from individuals, (as appears by a schedule in the office of the Treasurer of State,) have been left with Edwin Smith, Esq. for collection, which when collected will be paid over to the State Treasurer. This being my last annual communication to the Legislature, will, I hope, be a sufficient apology for a single remark in relation to the unfortunate beings committed to my charge. The cells of this prison are so constructed that no warmth can be communicated by any possible means whatever, to the convicts—the consequence is that a large amount is consumed annually for the purchase of bed clothes, which is found in extreme cold nights entirely insufficient to keep the convicts from suffering with the cold. To claim therefore for this State the high honor for its wise and liberal policy and for this Institution the highest rank among similar Penitentiaries in this country, both in relation to the discipline of convicts and to the pecuniary operations of the Institution, I beg leave to call the attention of the Legislature to this important subject.

Amount of old Notes and Accounts received during the year ending Oct. 31, 1835, \$1,231 90.

Amount of debts due from the Prison to individuals, \$2,852 43.

Amount of Notes and Accounts due the Prison, as follows, viz: Notes \$927 88. Accounts \$1,129 46—making \$2,057 34.

Report of the Warden of the Maine State Prison, showing the number of Convicts, their employment, &c, for the year 1835.

Number of Convicts January 19th, 1835.	63		Whole number of Convicts committed since July 2d,	
Received since,	42		1824,	557
	—		Discharged on expiration of sentences,	403
	105		Pardoned,	70
Discharged since,	30		Died,	14
Pardoned,	8		Escaped and not retaken,	5
Died,	1		Remaining,	65
Escaped and not retaken,	1			— 557
	—			
	40			
	—			
	40			
Remaining,	65			

Of the whole number discharged, 70 have been returned on a second commitment.

Of the 65 now in Prison, 44 are Americans, 10 Irish, 6 English, 5 Nova-Scotians.

Crimes for which they were Sentenced.

Larceny,	40	Adultery,	2	Manslaughter,	4
Forgery,	1	Assault with intent to kill,	4	Arson,	2
Counterfeiting,	3	Assault with intent to ravish,	1	Robbery,	2
Burglary,	4	Maiming, &c.,	2		

The Convicts on the 19th of January, were thus employed.

Laborers in Quarry,	4	Blacksmiths,	6	Washers,	1
Stone-cutters,	25	Shoe-makers,	6	Waiters,	2
Tailors,	3	Wheelwrights,	3	Lumpers,	9
Attending in Hospital,	1	Sick in Hospital,	1	Shoe-binders,	1
Invalids,	1	Cooks,	2		

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

Dr.

Cr.

Oct. 31.	To Provisions during the year as per ac't.	2,378 30	By received for articles sold during the	
"	" Clothing, including Shoes,	758 17	year, as per account, including fees	
"	" Fuel and Lights,	1,138 84	from visitors,	17,782 13
"	" Transporting convicts from County		" Amount received of State Treasurer	
"	Jails,	390 00	for Officer salaries,	3,433 34
"	" Cash and Clothing to Convicts disch'd,	692 85		
"	" Salaries of Officers, exclusive of War-			
"	den,	4,136 42		
"	" Buildings and Repairs,	730 79		
"	" Physician's Bill,	100 00		
"	" Rough Granite, Raw Materials, inci-			
"	dental expenses, &c. &c. . . .	8,483 94		
"	" Chaplain's Bill,	150 00		
"		18,959 31		
"	Balance,	2,256 16		
		<u>\$21,215 47</u>		<u>\$21,215 47</u>

LINCOLN, ss. January 21st, 1836. Personally appeared the above named Joel Miller, and made oath that the above account is just and true. Before me,

EDWIN SMITH, *Justice of the Peace.*

Examined and compared with vouchers on file, and found to be duly authenticated and correctly cast.

EDWIN SMITH,
HENRY INGRAHAM, } *Inspectors.*
ABNER KNOWLES, }

**Statement of the Receipts and Profits, Expenditures and Disbursements, and
General Concerns of the State Prison, for the year ending October 31, 1835.**

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

No. 1.	<i>Dr.</i>	Stone Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
1835.			
Oct. 31.	For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	10,786 94	By received and charged for Granite sold
"	For Stock purchased since,	3,333 73	during the year, as per account,
			8,309 34
			By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
			4,182 78
			Balance against,
			1,628 55
		<u>\$14,120 67</u>	<u>\$14,120 67</u>

No. 2.	<i>Dr.</i>	Lime Quarry.	<i>Cr.</i>
1835.			
Oct. 31.	For Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	169 50	By received and charged for Lime-rock
"	For Stock purchased since,	830 43	sold during the year, as per account,
			3,965 60
"	Balance in favor,	3,241 17	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
			275 50
		<u>\$4,241 10</u>	<u>\$4,241 10</u>

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

1835.				
Oct. 31.	For Stock and tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	1765 55	By received and charged for shoes and	
	“ do. purchased since,	1436 75	boots sold during the year as per account,	2315 14
	“ Balance in favor,	512 04	“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,	1999 20
		<u>\$3714 34</u>		<u>\$3714 34</u>

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

1835.				
Oct. 31.	For Stock and tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	1372 93	By received and charged for waggons, sleighs,	
	“ do. purchased since,	770 80	&c. sold during the year as per account,	1085 45
	“ Balance in favor,	363 45	“ Stock and tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,	1421 73
		<u>\$2507 18</u>		<u>\$2507 18</u>

INCOME DEPARTMENTS—CONTINUED.

No. 5.	<i>Dr.</i>	Blacksmith's Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
1835.			
Oct. 31.	To stock and tools on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	1098 68	By received and charged for articles sold
	“ do purchased since,	1137 48	during the year, as per account, -
	“ Balance in favor, - - -	771 10	“ stock and tools on hand, Oct. 31, 1835,
		<u>\$3007 21</u>	<u>1915 20</u>
			<u>1092 01</u>
			<u>\$3007 21</u>

No. 6.	<i>Dr.</i>	Other Departments.	<i>Cr.</i>
1835.			
Oct. 31.	For Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	144 75	By received and charged for sundries du-
	“ do. purchased since,	13 95	ring the year, as per account, -
	“ Balance in favor, - - -	182 87	“ Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
		<u>\$341 57</u>	191 40
			150 17
			<u>\$341 57</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

No. 1.	Dr.	Provision Account.	Cr.
1835. Oct. 31.	To provisions on hand, Nov. 1, 1834, " do. purchased since, -	1252 14 2378 30 <u>\$3630 44</u>	By provisions on hand, Oct. 31, 1835, " Amount consumed, - -
			1079 30 2551 14 <u>\$3630 44</u>

No. 2.	Dr.	Clothing and Convicts Discharged.	Cr.
1835. Oct. 31.	To Clothing and Shoes on hand, Nov. 1, 1834 " " purchased since,	565 77 1451 02 <u>\$2016 79</u>	By Clothing on hand, Oct. 31, 1835, Amount furnished, - - -
			449 78 1567 01 <u>\$2016 79</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS—CONTINUED.

No. 3.	Dr.	Furniture and Fuel Accounts.	Cr.	
1835.				
Oct. 31.	To Furniture and Fuel on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	1608 42	By Furniture and Fuel on hand Oct. 31, 1835	1806 42
	“ do. purchased since,	1152 73	“ Amount Consumed,	954 73
		<u>\$2761 15</u>		<u>\$2761 15</u>

No. 4.	Dr.	Buildings and Repairs, Expense Accounts, &c.	Cr.	
1835.				
Oct. 31.	For Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	393 75	By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835	474 00
	“ do. purchased since including expense account, pay of subordinate Officers, Chaplain and Physician.	6454 72	“ Balance against,	6374 47
		<u>\$6848 47</u>		<u>\$6848 47</u>

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Warden, - - - - -	700 00
Deputy Warden, - - - - -	340 00
Clerk and Commissary, - - - - -	400 00
Overseers, - - - - -	2,200 00
Chaplain, - - - - -	150 00
Physician, - - - - -	100 00
	<u>\$3,890 00</u>

Estimate of the probable Expenses of the State Prison for the year 1836.

For Provisions, - - - - -	2,400 00
“ Clothing, - - - - -	750 00
“ Fuel and Lights, - - - - -	850 00
“ Tools and Furniture, - - - - -	500 00
“ Bringing Convicts from County Jails, - - - - -	450 00
“ Officers Salaries, - - - - -	4,000 00
“ Raw Materials, - - - - -	3,000 00
“ Buildings and Repairs, - - - - -	1,000 00
“ Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	350 00
“ Chaplain, - - - - -	150 00
“ Physician, - - - - -	100 00
	<u>\$13,550 00</u>

The income will probably amount to \$12,200 00

STATE OF MAINE.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1836. }**

Read and ordered to lie on the table, and that five hundred copies of the same, together with the Inspectors' Report, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST: JAMES L. CHILD, Clerk.