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NO. 16.

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, }
January 28, 1836. }

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, January 28, 1836.

ORDERED, That 500 copies of the following Report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

(Extract from the Journal.)

Attest, **WILLIAM TRAFTON**, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Inspectors of the State Prison.

To the Governor and Council of the State of Maine.

The Inspectors of the State Prison, Messrs. Ingraham and Knowles, (Mr. Smith being necessarily absent,) met at the Prison on the fifth day of January instant, to audit and examine the Warden's accounts, and to inspect the concerns of the Prison generally. They continued their investigation of the accounts until the 9th, and adjourned to the 14th. On the 14th and 15th, they finished the examination of said accounts, and found them duly vouched and correctly stated. They then adjourned to the 19th, to give the Clerk time to make up the accounts of the different Departments of the Prison.

And now, all the Inspectors being present, they respectfully submit to the Governor and Council, the following statements and remarks, together with the Warden's account by them certified, and the accounts of the different Departments of the Prison, shewing the profit or loss of each, as the Report of their doings.

The account of the Warden with the State, as certified and approved by the Inspectors shows a balance due from him to the State of two thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars, sixteen cents. In this account, the sum of three thousand four hundred and thirty-three dollars, and thirty-four cents, received by the Warden from the State Treasurer is credited.

Any balance in the Warden's accounts of last year, in his settlement with the Committee of the Legislature, is not included in the accounts examined by the Inspectors. The result of that settlement not having been carried into the Warden's books of the present year, and the Inspectors having no knowledge of the mode in which it was effected, they have confined their examination to the actual receipts and disbursements at the Prison for the past year. The accounts of the Warden by them certified, are thus made up with the exception of the sum received of the Treasurer as before named.

The following calculations have been made to ascertain the net earnings of a convict per day in any Department.

The nett income of the Lime Quarry for the past year, paying every expense except Guard and Overseer is \$3,-241 17. This sum being divided by 3068, the number of days work performed in the Quarry, gives one dollar five cents, six mills, as the nett earning of a convict per day in the Quarry.

The nett income of the Shoe-makers' Department, paying every expense, guard and overseer excepted, is \$512 04; this sum divided by the number of day's work performed, being 2097, gives twenty-four cents, four mills, the nett earnings of a convict per day.

The same process respecting the Wheel-wrights' Department, will give thirty cents and three mills, as the nett earnings of a convict employed there per day.

A similar process respecting the Blacksmiths' Department, will give fifty-five cents and eight mills, as the nett earnings of a convict per day in that Department.

These Department are the principal ones in the Prison, except that of the Granite shop at the shore, where are employed the greatest number and the most effective men.

The nett earnings of a convict in these Departments vary from one dollar five and a half cents to twenty-four and a half cents per day, as before stated, while the labor of the convicts in the Granite shop, instead of a profit, has not been productive of sufficient to pay the expenditures.

Experience of past years would justify an expectation of a similar result from the labor in this Department, though not to the extent which appears from a calculation made from the items of the present account.

Not a small portion of the apparent loss in this Department, arises from the fact, that the Stock on hand at the commencement of the year, in the yard, at New York, and elsewhere, has been disposed of at a less price than its estimated value. But making due allowance for losses arising in this way, the Inspectors are satisfied that the dressing of Granite, particularly of the Hallowell Granite, in this Prison, cannot be carried on without a loss to the State, owing in part to the location of the Granite Yard, requiring as it does, a separate guard sufficient to guard the whole Prison, if the convicts were employed within the upper Prison yard. This opinion has often been expressed by the Inspectors at the Prison, and stated in their reports. Yet a change of employment could not well be effected, until new and convenient work shops should have been erected, to accommodate those employed in the Granite yard.

The Inspectors are of opinion, that a greater number of men can be profitably employed in the Lime Quarry, than have heretofore been employed there, and have so advised the Warden.

They have also recommended to him to employ none of the convicts in the Granite yard, who can be employed in any other Department.

The following process will show the cost of food per day, and clothing per year, of a convict for the past year.

FOR SUBSISTENCE.

Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	-	-	\$1,252 14
“ purchased since,	-	-	2,378 30
			<hr/> 3,630 44
Stock on hand Oct. 31, 1835, deducted,	-	-	1,079 30
			<hr/> 2,551 14
Divided by average number of convicts,	62)		41 14
Divided by days in a year,	-	-	365)
			<hr/> 11cts. 3m.

CLOTHING.

Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	-	-	565 77
Stock purchased since,	-	-	758 17
			<hr/> 1,323 94
Deduct stock on hand,	-	-	449 78
			<hr/> 874 16
Divide by average No. convicts,	-	62)	14 09
Cost of Clothing for convicts per year,	-	-	\$14 09

Nothing has been collected of Ira Norris, or of his surety, Stephen Holt. The executions obtained against Foster Bryant in Philadelphia, have not been satisfied. Soon after the judgments were obtained against said Bryant there, he removed to the City of New York, and his bail died without leaving property, and the payment of the executions were thus avoided.

Propositions have been made by Bryant for a compromise, and copies of the judgments, and the necessary papers and authority, either to renew the judgments against said Bryant, in the State of New York, or to effect a set-

tlement with him in some other way, have been forwarded to an Attorney in New York, the result of whose doings is not known to the Inspectors. It is supposed that the adjustment of this claim has been protracted in consequence of the sickness and absence of the gentleman to whom it was entrusted in New York.

Since the last Quarterly Report, Oct. 16th, sixteen convicts have been received into the Prison, one has been pardoned, one has died, and seven have been discharged on expiration of their sentences. The number now confined, is sixty-five, as they are thus situated and employed.

Laborers in the Quarry,	4	Labr's in Wheelwrights' shop,	3
" in Stone cutters shop,	25	Cooks,	2
" " Tailor's shop,	3	Washers,	1
" attending sick,	1	Waiters,	2
Invalids,	1	Lumpers,	9
Laborers in Blacksmith's shop,	6	Shoe binders,	1
" " Shoemaker's shop,	6	Sick in Hospital,	1
	46		19
			46
			65

Aggregate, 65

The Calender of punishments shows the following punishments to have been inflicted by order of the Warden since the Inspector's last report.

Oct. 20th, *Isaac Torrey*, for disobeying the orders of one of the overseers, and using threatening and insolent language, was sentenced by the Warden to five days solitary confinement.

Dec. 10th, *Abraham Plaice*, for disobedience and insolent language to one of the overseers, was sentenced to one day solitary confinement.

Dec. 24th, *William O'Brien*, for disobeying the orders of one of the overseers of the prison, was sentenced by the Warden to four days solitary confinement.

The prisoners have been generally orderly and obedient. They have been very healthy. There has been no death from sickness during the year.

The convict who died since the last report of the Inspectors was Timothy Hill, a deaf and dumb man, who was confined for Larceny. His death was occasioned by a block of wood falling from the bank to the bottom of the lime quarry, where he was at work, and striking his head in its passage.

Respectfully submitted by

EDWIN SMITH,	} <i>Inspectors</i>
HENRY INGRAHAM,	
ABNER KNOWLES.	
	<i>of the</i>
	<i>State Prison.</i>

Jan. 21, 1836.

The whole number of Convicts which have been received into the State Prison since its establishment, their employment during the year 1835, &c. viz.

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

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	Assault and Maiming,	2		
	—		—		—
	48		9		8

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

Dr.

Cr.

1835.			
Oct. 31.	For Provisions during the year as per ac't.	2,378 30	By received for articles sold during the year, as per account, including fees from visitors,
"	" Clothing, including Shoes,	758 17	
"	" Fuel and Lights,	1,138 84	17,782 13
"	" Transporting convicts from County Jails,	390 00	" Amount received of State Treasurer for Officer salaries,
"	" Cash and Clothing to Convicts disch'd,	692 85	3,433 34
"	" Salaries of Officers, exclusive of Warden's,	4,136 42	
"	" Buildings and Repairs,	730 79	
"	" Physician's Bill,	100 00	
"	" Rough Granite, Raw Materials, incidental expenses, &c. &c.	8,483 94	
"	" Chaplain's Bill,	150 00	
"		18,959 31	
"	Balance,	2,256 16	
		\$21,215 47	\$21,215 47

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

INCOME DEPARTMENTS.

<i>Dr.</i>	Stone Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Stock and Tools on hand Nov. 1, 1834,	10,786 94	
To Stock purchased since,	3,333 73	
	\$14,120 67	
		By received and charged for Granite sold during the year, as per account,
		8,309 34
		By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
		4,182 78
		12,492 12
		1,628 55
		\$14,120 67

<i>Dr.</i>	Lime Quarry.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	169 50	
To Stock purchased since,	830 43	
Balance in favor,	3,241 17	
	\$4,241 10	
		By received and charged for Lime-rock sold during the year, as per account,
		3,965 60
		By Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
		275 50
		\$4,241 10

INCOME DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

<i>Dr.</i>	Shoemaking.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Stock and tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	1765 55	By received and charged for shoes and
" do. purchased since,	1436 75	boots during the year as per account,
" Balance in favor,	512 04	" Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
	<u>\$3714 34</u>	<u>2315 14</u>
		<u>1399 20</u>
		<u>\$3714 34</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Wheelwrights' and Carpenters' Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
To 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,
" Balance in favor,	363 45	" Stock and tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835,
	<u>\$2507 18</u>	<u>1085 45</u>
		<u>1421 73</u>
		<u>\$2507 18</u>

INCOME DEPARTMENTS—CONTINUED.

<i>Dr.</i>	Blacksmith's Department.	<i>Cr.</i>
To stock and tools on hand Nov. 1, 1834, 1098 63 " do purchased since, 1137 48 " Balance in favor, - - - 771 10 <u style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$3007 21</u>		By received and charged for articles sold during the year, as per account, - 1915 20 " stock and tools on hand, Oct. 31, 1835, 1092 01 <u style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$3007 21</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Other Departments.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Stock and Tools on hand, Nov. 1, 1834, 144 75 " do. purchased since, 13 95 " Balance in favor, - - - 182 87 <u style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$341 57</u>		By received and charged for sundries du- ring the year, as per account, - 191 40 " Stock and Tools on hand Oct. 31, 1835, 150 17 <u style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$341 57</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

<i>Dr.</i>	Provision Account.	<i>Cr.</i>
To provisions on hand, Nov. 1, 1834,	1252 14	By provisions on hand, Oct. 31, 1835,
" do. purchased since, -	2378 30	" Amount consumed, - -
	<u>\$3630 44</u>	
		<u>1079 30</u>
		<u>2551 14</u>
		<u>\$3630 44</u>

<i>Dr.</i>	Clothing and Convicts Discharged.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Clothing and Shoes on hand, Nov. 1, 1834	565 77	By Clothing on hand, Oct. 31, 1835,
" " purchased since,	1451 02	Amount furnished, - - -
	<u>\$2016 79</u>	
		<u>449 78</u>
		<u>1567 01</u>
		<u>\$2016 79</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS—CONTINUED.

Dr.

Furniture and Fuel Accounts.

Cr.

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
	\$2761 15			\$2761 15

Dr.

Buildings and Repairs, Expense Account, &c.

Cr.

To 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
	\$6848 47			\$6848 47

ESTIMATE FOR OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Warden, - - - - -	700 00
Deputy Warden, - - - - -	340 00
Clerk and Commissary, - - - - -	400 00
Overseers, besides those in Stone Shop, and Lime Quarry, - - - - -	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 and Clothing, -	3,150 00
" Fuel and Lights, -	850 00
" Tools and Furniture, -	500 00
" Conveying Convicts from Jails, -	450 00
" Officers Salaries, -	4,000 00
" Granite and 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