

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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NO. 64.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 17, 1836.

The Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison to whom was referred the accounts of Joel Miller, Warden of said Prison, have had the same under consideration, and

REPORT :

That by schedules presented to the Committee, there was due to the State on demands in possession of the Warden, Oct. 31, 1834, viz :

On Accounts,	\$3,150 81
On Notes,	5,263 00
On Bank Certificates,	3,399 94
Due for articles sold the year past, per Report of the Warden, Feb. 15, 1836,	2,057 34
Due from the Warden, as settled by the Inspectors,	2,256 16
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	\$16,127 25
Due from the State Prison to in- dividuals,	2,852 43
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	\$13,274 82

Leaving a balance of demands and cash in the hands of the Warden of \$13,274 82. Of this sum \$1,231 90 is reported by the Warden to have been received in cash, and \$2,256 16 reported as due from the Warden, on settlement of his account by the Inspectors.

Your Committee further Report, that the stock on hand at the Prison, belonging to the State, is as follows, as by Report made Oct. 31, 1835.

In the Stone department, Stock and Tools,	\$4,182 78
In Lime department,	275 50
In Shoemaker's department,	1,399 20
In Wheelwright and Carpenter's department,	1,421 73
In Blacksmith's department,	1,692 01
Other departments,	150 17
	<hr/> \$8,521 39

The Salaries of Officers, excepting the Warden, have been paid by the State, amounting to \$3,433,34.

Thus it appears that there are demands and cash in the Warden's hands to the amount
of \$13,274 82
After deducting all debts due from the
Prison. Adding the amount of the
stock on hand of \$8,521 39

The total will be

21,796 21

A large proportion of the notes and accounts is believed by your Committee to be collectable.

By a Resolve of 1835, the Warden was directed to collect the debts due the Prison. Little attention appears to have been paid to this Resolve.

The practice of giving credits at the Prison for articles sold, appears not to be authorized by law, and is believed by your Committee to be injurious to the best interests of the Institution.

Your Committee further recommend that such measures be taken as will cause a speedy and effectual settlement of the accounts with the Warden in full, also that an account of all the stock of every kind be taken at the time the present Warden leaves the Prison.

Your Committee further recommend that in no case shall a less sum than twenty-five dollars be charged to any person or persons as credit.

WM. BUXTON, Per Order.

STATE OF MAINE.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
MARCH 18, 1836. }**

**Read and laid on the table, and ordered that 300 copies of the
same be printed for the use of the members.**

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST: JAMES L. CHILD, Clerk.