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## **REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS**

OF THE

## STATE PRISON.

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### To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Inspectors of the State Prison having made their Report to this Department, a copy of the same is herewith laid before you.

### JOHN FAIRFIELD.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 13th, 1840.



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### To the Governor and Executive Council of the State of Maine:

THE Inspectors of the State Prison, having completed their annual examination of its affairs, present the following

### **REPORT**.

They find the accounts of the Warden with the State, to stand thus :---

| The Warden has received from the State Treasury,  |
|---|
| to Dec. 31, 1839, \$2,565 39  |
| For sales of manufactures, 2,785 10   |
| \$5,350 49  |
| He is credited for disbursements for the same time, 5,471 66  |
| Leaving a balance in his favor of 121 17  |
| The account between the Prison and the State, is thus   |
| shown :   |
| For the amount of all disbursements for purchases   |
| for the several departments, officers' salaries in-   |
| cluded, except the Warden's, and for stock on   |
| hand April 26, 1839, 20,901 55  |
| He is credited for amount of sales, stock and tools   |
| on hand, Dec. 31, 1839, 20,340 71   |
| Leaving a balance against the Prison of 560 84  |
| In this account, the amount of tools is \$1,658 49<br>Which deducted from the gross amount of stock and tools,<br>leaves the sum of \$7,895 79 as available funds for the Prison. |

### STÀTE PRISON.

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The Inspectors, after a careful and critical examination of the concerns of the Prison, believe its present condition to be more prosperous than at any former period ; this will be shown by the account between the Prison and State.

Since April 26th, 1839, when the present Warden took charge of the institution, it has come within \$560 84 of paying all its expenses, officers' salaries included, except the Wardens'; and the Inspectors confidently believe for the present year, it will fully meet its expenses.

The Warden expresses the opinion that the deficit of last year of \$560 84, will be met without calling on the State, should the debts now due the Prison, be promptly paid.

The amount expended for building and repairs during the past year has not been large. It was found necessary to build a small house for the only female convict in the Prison, there not being a suitable room in the Prison buildings for her. The fence enclosing the Prison yard has required and received some attention, by being propped and braced to sustain it for the present time.

The Inspectors believe it would be good economy for the State, to commence a more permanent wall of stone around the yard—(a part of which might be built yearly,) of refuse rock now on hand. A great part of the work might be done by the convicts and team.

To answer the question so often asked—" why does not our Prison pay its expenses ?"—we say, a great number of convicts are sent here for short terms—the expenses for transportation, and for their fitting out on the expiration of sentence, generally is much more than their earnings while in the Prison. It will also be borne in mind the general average of the terms of sentence in our Prison, is for a much shorter period than in most other Prisons.

A large proportion of convicts sent here cannot be profitably employed till they are instructed in some branch of business carried on in the Prison. The time taken up in this instruction is almost a dead loss to the State.

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The health of the convicts, during the past year, has been generally good. This we should hardly expect, when we take into consideration the construction of the cells.

The Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Washburn, attends to religious services in the Prison on the sabbath. The convicts have also the benefit of a school on that day.

We find by examination of the several departments, their net income to be as follows : officers' salaries not included.

SHOE DEFARTMENT.—Net income since April 26,<br/>1839,--\$1,511 24Each convict earns per day, 52 cts. 5 + mills.WHEELWRIGHT DEFARTMENT.—Net income,<br/>Each convict earns per day, 49 cts. 3 + mills.870 64QUARRY.—Net income,<br/>Each convict earns per day, 33 cts. 1 mill.1093 74SMITH'S DEFARTMENT.—Net income,<br/>SMITH'S DEFARTMENT.—Net income,375 33

Each convict earns per day, 44 cts. 3 mills. COOPER'S SHOP.—Net income, - - - 430 46

Each convict earns per day, 41 cents.

We find also that it costs for subsistence for each convict per day, nine cents; and one and a quarter cents per day for each convict for clothing.

By the above estimates, it will be seen that it costs for clothing per year, for each convict, \$456—and for subsistence, \$3285.

In closing this Report, the Inspectors will only add, that the books of the Prison appear to be well kept, and that the general management of its affairs appear to be well conducted.

Respectfully submitted by

| JOSHUA PATTERSON, | ) Inspectors         |
|-------------------|----------------------|
|                   |                      |
| JOHN MERRILL,     | of the State Prison. |

| Number of Convicts, December 31st, 1838, |   |    |     | Whole number of Convicts com     | mitted sinc | e |                        |
|--|---|----|-----|----------------------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| Received since,                          | - |    | 36  | July 2d, 1834, -                 | -           | - | 707                    |
|  |   |    |     | Discharged on expiration of sent | ence.       |   | 517                    |
|  |   |    |     | Died                             | ,           | - | 16                     |
| Discharged on expiration of sentence, -  |   | 31 |     | ardoned,                         | -           |   | <b>99</b>              |
|  |   |    |     |                                  | -           |   |                        |
| Pardoned since,                          | - | 10 |     | Scaped, not retaken,             | -           | - | 7                      |
| Died,                                    |   | 0  |     | Remaining December 31st, 1839.   |             |   | 68707                  |
| Escaped, not retaken, -                  | - | 0  | -41 | 8 , ,                            | ,           |   | -                      |
| - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |   |    |     |                                  |             |   |                        |
| Remaining number,                        |   |    | 68  |                                  |             |   |                        |
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Of the whole number discharged, 92 have been returned on a second commitment. Of the 68 now in Prison, 46 are Americans, 12 Irish, 4 English, 2 Nova Scotians, and 4 Mulattoes.

#### Crimes for which they were committed.

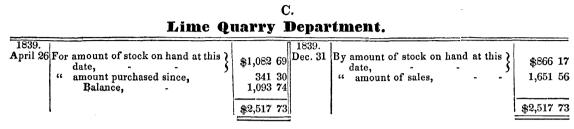
| Larceny, -        |   | - |   | - | 46  | Adultery, -       |   | - |   | - |   | 3]Manslaughter,              |   | 3 |    |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|----|
| Forgery, -        | - |   | • |   | - 2 | Assault to kill,  | - |   | - |   |   | 1 Arson,                     | • | 2 |    |
| Counterfeiting, - |   | • |   | - | 1   | Assault to ravish | , | - |   | - |   | 5 Murder, sentence commuted, |   | 1 | la |
| Burglary,         | - |   | - |   | 2   | Maiming,          | • |   | - |   | - | 1 Receiving stolen goods, -  |   | 1 | n. |

#### The State Prison in account with the State of Maine, Dr.

| 1839.    |  | 1                   | 1839.    |   | 1       |           |
|----------|--|---------------------|----------|---|---------|-----------|
| April 26 | *For amount of stock on hand,                      | \$9554 28           | Dec. 31. | *By amount of stock and tools on hand,  | \$9719  | <b>29</b> |
|          | " paid for materials for coopering,                | <sup>*</sup> 693 74 |          | "difference of appraisal,               | 400     |           |
|          | " ' Lime quarry,                                   | 341 30              |          | " received and charged for coopering,   | 1376    | 21        |
|          | " " Wheelwrights,                                  | 1684 69             |          | " " Wheelwright,                        | 1713    |           |
|          | " " Blacksmiths,                                   | 645 16              |          | " " Lime Quarry,                        | 1651    | 56        |
|          | " " Team with pay of Teamster,                     | 454 73              |          | " " Blacksmithing,                      | 1006    | 94        |
|          | " " Fuel, (sales deducted,)                        | 443_39              |          | " " Team,                               | 419     | 66        |
|          | " " Subsistence, (do.)                             | 1708 87             |          | " " Shoemaking,                         | 3575    | 14        |
|          | " Expense account, (do.)                           | 208 39              |          | " Clothes to convicts disc'd & to als,, | 367     | 42        |
|          | " " Building and repairs, (do.)                    | 346 67              |          | " Fees from Visiters,                   |         | <b>02</b> |
|          | " " Clothing,                                      | 912 57              |          | " P'd out on old acc'ts more than rec'd | 67      | 73        |
|          | " " Convicts discharged,                           | 308 62              |          | · Balance against the Prison,           | 560     | 84        |
|          | " " Transporting convicts,                         | 272 87              |          |   |         |           |
|          | " Officers' salaries except Warden's,              | 3326 27             | 1        |   | \$20901 | 55        |
|          |  | 20901 55            |          |   |         |           |
|          | *Toola in the different demonstration 1.           |                     |          | *Tools deducted from the whole ?        | 9719    |           |
|          | *Tools in the different departments de-<br>ducted, | 9554 28             |          | amount, S                               | 1658    | 49        |
|          |  | 132 33              |          | Loomon amailable for data the flate     | #90C0   |           |
|          | Shoe department,<br>Wheelwright,                   | 521 82              |          | Leaves available funds to the State,    | \$8060  | 00        |
|          | Blacksmith,  | 369 05              |          |   |         |           |
|          | Coopering,   | 26 00               |          |   |         |           |
|          | Team,  | 423 12              |          |   |         |           |
|          | Lime Quarry,                                       | 116 17              |          |   |         |           |
|          | Arms,  | 70 00               |          |   |         |           |
|          |  | \$1658 49           | 0        |   |         |           |
|          |  |                     |          |   |         |           |
|          | Available funds to the State,                      | \$7895 79           | ų        |   |         |           |
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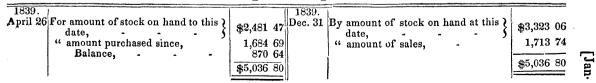
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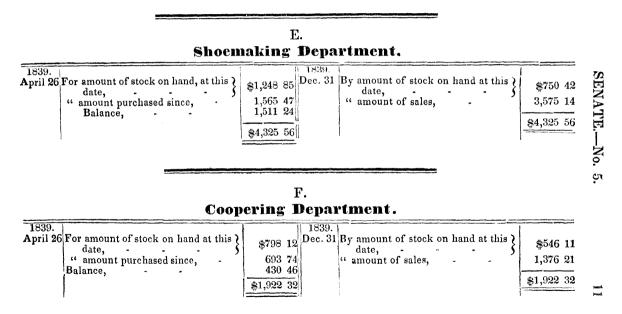
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The available funds in this department are full as large now as they were April 26th, although by the above table it would appear otherwise. In the account of stock, taken by the Commissioners, a lot of Ledge work was appraised by them at 44 dollars, and not appraised by us. Also, a lot of tools that were used in the manufacture of Lime, that now have been transferred to the other department. Also, 457 casks of Lime, appraised by Commissioners at 75 cents per cask, which sold for only 50 cents per cask, making a loss of 116 dollars to the above department.

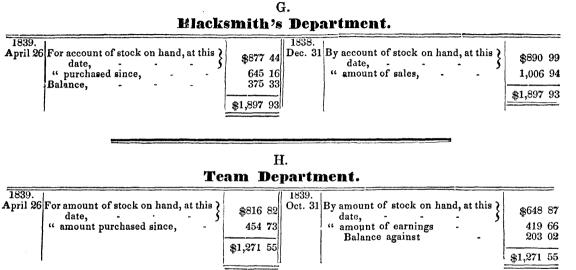
#### D. Wheelwright's Department.



The actual standing of this department is much better than would appear by the above table, for the reason that the stock on hand, and appraised by the Commissioners in April last, has now been appraised by us at \$200 less than by said Commissioners.



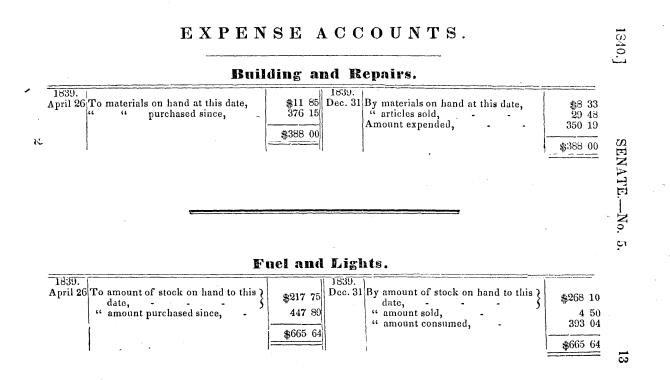
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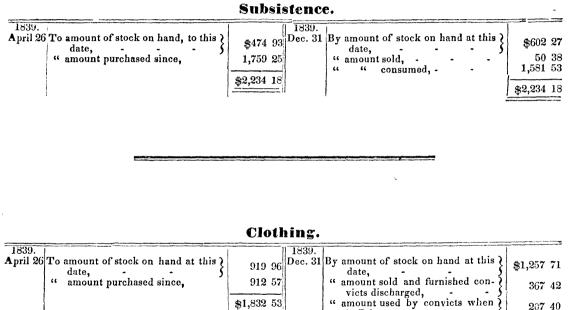


In this department, the same articles are on hand now that were in April 26th, with the exception of one wagon, sold for \$35. The difference in the amount of stock on hand now and then, being the difference in appraisals. There has been no charge of work with team in hauling chips and earth from the quarry, which, if the same had been hired or charged by the team to said quarry department, would have amounted to the sum of 200 dollars.

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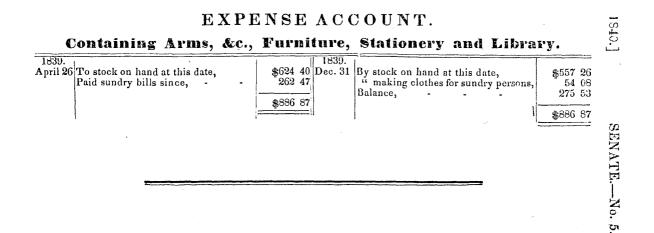
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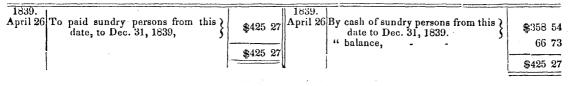
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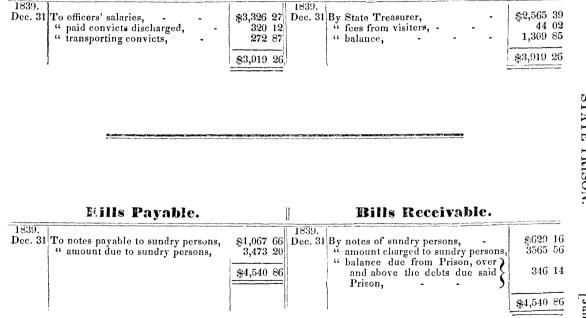


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#### Officers' Salarics, Transporting Convicts, and Convicts Discharged. 16



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# The following is an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the Prison, for the year 1849.

| For | Provisions,                  |     | • |   | \$2,700 | 00  1 | 'or | Warden, -         |        |   | - | - | \$700 0   | ŪŪ |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|---|---|---------|-------|-----|-------------------|--------|---|---|---|-----------|----|
| "   | Clothing,                    | -   |   | - | 1,100   | 00    | "   | Deputy Warden,    | -      | - | - |   | 500 (     | 00 |
| " " | Fuel and Lights,             |     | - |   | 750     | 00    | "   | Clerk and Commi   | ssary, |   | - | - | 500 (     | 00 |
| "   | Tools and Furniture, -       | -   |   | - | 150     | 00    | "   | Guards and Overse | eers,  | - | - |   | 3,150 (   | 00 |
|     | Transporting Convicts, -     |     | - |   | 400     | 00    | "   | Chaplain, -       | · -    |   | - | - | 150 (     | 00 |
| "   | Materials for Mechanic Shops | , - |   | - | 4,000   |       | "   | Physician,        | -      | - | - |   | 100 0     | 00 |
| "   | Building and Repairs,        |     | - |   | 300     |       |     | • •               |        |   |   |   |           |    |
| " " | Incidental Expenses, -       | -   |   | - | 500     | 06[]  |     |                   |        |   |   |   | \$4,900 0 | 00 |
| -   | -                            |     |   |   |         |       |     |                   |        |   |   |   |           |    |

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### STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 13, 1840.

ORDERED, That 500 copies of the Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest :

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.