

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Charles F. Rice

DOCUMENTS

PRINTED BY ORDER OF

THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1840.

AUGUSTA:

WM. R. SMITH & CO., PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1840.

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 5.

SENATE.

A N N U A L

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS

OF THE

STATE PRISON.

[SMITH & ROBINSON,.....Printers to the State.]

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. }



REPORT.

*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
	<hr/>
	\$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 included, 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
---	------------

Which deducted from the gross amount of stock and tools, leaves the sum of \$7,895 79 as available funds for the Prison.

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.

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 DEPARTMENT.—Net income since April 26,

1839, - - - - - \$1,511 24

Each convict earns per day, 52 cts. 5 + mills.

WHEELWRIGHT DEPARTMENT.—Net income, 870 64

Each convict earns per day, 49 cts. 3 + mills.

QUARRY.—Net income, - - - 1093 74

Each convict earns per day, 33 cts. 1 mill.

SMITH'S DEPARTMENT.—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, \$4 56—and for subsistence, \$32 85.

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 of the State Prison.
GEO. A. STARR,	
JOHN MERRILL,	

A.

Number of Convicts, December 31st, 1838,	73	Whole number of Convicts committed since	
Received since,	36	July 2d, 1834,	707
	109	Discharged on expiration of sentence,	517
Discharged on expiration of sentence,	31	Died,	16
Pardoned since,	10	Pardoned,	99
Died,	0	Escaped, not retaken,	7
Escaped, not retaken,	0—41	Remaining December 31st, 1839,	68—707
Remaining number,	68		

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.

STATE PRISON.

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
Burglary,	2	Maiming,	1	Receiving stolen goods,	1

[Jan.

B.

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

1839.		
April 26	*For amount of stock on hand,	\$9554 28
"	" paid for materials for coopering,	693 74
"	" " Lime quarry,	341 30
"	" " Wheelwrights,	1684 69
"	" " Blacksmiths,	645 16
"	" " Team with pay of Teamster,	454 73
"	" " Fuel, (sales deducted,)	443 39
"	" " Subsistence, (do.)	1708 87
"	" " Expense account, (do.)	208 39
"	" " Building and repairs, (do.)	346 67
"	" " Clothing,	912 57
"	" " Convicts discharged,	308 62
"	" " Transporting convicts,	272 87
"	" Officers' salaries except Warden's,	3326 27
		<u>20901 55</u>
	*Tools in the different departments deducted,	9554 28
	Shoe department,	132 33
	Wheelwright,	521 82
	Blacksmith,	369 05
	Coopering,	26 00
	Team,	423 12
	Lime Quarry,	116 17
	Arms,	70 00
		<u>\$1658 49</u>
	Available funds to the State,	\$7895 79

1839.		
Dec. 31.	*By amount of stock and tools on hand,	\$9719 29
"	" difference of appraisal,	400 00
"	" received and charged for coopering,	1376 21
"	" " Wheelwright,	1713 74
"	" " Lime Quarry,	1651 56
"	" " Blacksmithing,	1006 94
"	" " Team,	419 66
"	" " Shoemaking,	3575 14
"	" Clothes to convicts disc'd & to als.,	367 42
"	" Fees from Visitors,	44 02
"	" P'd out on old acc'ts more than rec'd	67 73
"	" Balance against the Prison,	560 84
		<u>\$20901 55</u>
	*Tools deducted from the whole amount,	9719 29
		1658 49
	Leaves available funds to the State,	<u>\$8060 80</u>

1840.]

SENATE.—No. 5.

C.

Lime Quarry Department.

1839.			1839.		
April 26	For amount of stock on hand at this date,	\$1,082 69	Dec. 31	By amount of stock on hand at this date,	\$866 17
"	amount purchased since,	341 30	"	amount of sales,	1,651 56
	Balance,	1,093 74			
		<u>\$2,517 73</u>			<u>\$2,517 73</u>

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.

1839.			1839.		
April 26	For amount of stock on hand to this date,	\$2,481 47	Dec. 31	By amount of stock on hand at this date,	\$3,323 06
"	amount purchased since,	1,684 69	"	amount of sales,	1,713 74
	Balance,	870 64			
		<u>\$5,036 80</u>			<u>\$5,036 80</u>

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.

1840.]

E.
Shoemaking Department.

1839.	1839.		
April 26	For amount of stock on hand, at this date,	\$1,248 85	Dec. 31
	“ amount purchased since,	1,565 47	By amount of stock on hand at this date,
	Balance,	1,511 24	“ amount of sales,
		\$4,325 56	\$750 42
			3,575 14
			\$4,325 56

SENATE.—No. 5.

F.
Coopering Department.

1839.	1839.		
April 26	For amount of stock on hand at this date,	\$798 12	Dec. 31
	“ amount purchased since,	693 74	By amount of stock on hand at this date,
	Balance,	430 46	“ amount of sales,
		\$1,922 32	\$546 11
			1,376 21
			\$1,922 32

11

G.
Blacksmith's Department.

1839.	1838.																					
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">April 26</td> <td style="width: 35%;">For account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$877 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>“ purchased since, - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">645 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Balance, - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">375 33</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$1,897 93</td> </tr> </table>	April 26	For account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$877 44		“ purchased since, - - -	645 16		Balance, - - -	375 33			\$1,897 93	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Dec. 31</td> <td style="width: 35%;">By account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$890 99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>“ amount of sales, - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,006 94</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$1,897 93</td> </tr> </table>	Dec. 31	By account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$890 99		“ amount of sales, - - -	1,006 94			\$1,897 93
April 26	For account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$877 44																				
	“ purchased since, - - -	645 16																				
	Balance, - - -	375 33																				
		\$1,897 93																				
Dec. 31	By account of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$890 99																				
	“ amount of sales, - - -	1,006 94																				
		\$1,897 93																				

H.
Team Department.

1839.	1839.																					
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">April 26</td> <td style="width: 35%;">For amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$816 82</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>“ amount purchased since, - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">454 73</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$1,271 55</td> </tr> </table>	April 26	For amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$816 82		“ amount purchased since, - - -	454 73			\$1,271 55	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Oct. 31</td> <td style="width: 35%;">By amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$648 87</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>“ amount of earnings - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">419 66</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Balance against - - -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">203 02</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;">\$1,271 55</td> </tr> </table>	Oct. 31	By amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$648 87		“ amount of earnings - - -	419 66		Balance against - - -	203 02			\$1,271 55
April 26	For amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$816 82																				
	“ amount purchased since, - - -	454 73																				
		\$1,271 55																				
Oct. 31	By amount of stock on hand, at this date, - - -	\$648 87																				
	“ amount of earnings - - -	419 66																				
	Balance against - - -	203 02																				
		\$1,271 55																				

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.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

1840.]

Building and Repairs.

SENATE.—No. 5.

1839.		1839.	
April 26	To materials on hand at this date,	\$11 85	Dec. 31
"	" purchased since,	376 15	By materials on hand at this date,
			" articles sold,
			Amount expended,
		\$388 00	\$8 33
			29 48
			350 19
			\$388 00

Fuel and Lights.

1839.		1839.	
April 26	To amount of stock on hand to this } date,	\$217 75	Dec. 31
"	" amount purchased since, - }	447 89	By amount of stock on hand to this } date,
			" amount sold,
			" amount consumed,
		\$665 64	\$268 10
			4 50
			393 04
			\$665 64

Subsistence.

1839.	1839.
April 26 To amount of stock on hand, to this } date, - - - - - } " amount purchased since,	Dec. 31 By amount of stock on hand at this } date, - - - - - } " amount sold, - - - - - } " " consumed, - - - - - }
\$474 93 1,759 25 <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> \$2,234 18	\$602 27 50 38 1,581 53 <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> \$2,234 18

14

STATE PRISON.

Clothing.

1839. April 26 To amount of stock on hand at this } date, - - - - - } " amount purchased since,	1839. Dec. 31 By amount of stock on hand at this } date, - - - - - } " amount sold and furnished con- } victs discharged, - - - - - } " amount used by convicts when } in Prison, - - - - - }
919 96 912 57 <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> \$1,832 53	\$1,257 71 367 42 207 40 <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> \$1,832 53

[Jan.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Containing Arms, &c., Furniture, Stationery and Library.

1839.		1839.	
April 26	To stock on hand at this date,	\$624 40	Dec. 31
	Paid sundry bills since, - -	262 47	By stock on hand at this date,
		\$886 87	" making clothes for sundry persons,
			Balance, - - - - -
			\$557 26
			54 08
			275 53
			\$886 87

Old Account.

1839.		1839.	
April 26	To paid sundry persons from this } date, to Dec. 31, 1839,	\$425 27	April 26
		\$425 27	By cash of sundry persons from this } date to Dec. 31, 1839.
			" balance, - - - - -
			\$358 54
			66 73
			\$425 27

1840.]

SENATE.—No. 5.

Officers' Salaries, Transporting Convicts, and Convicts Discharged.

16

1839.			1839.		
Dec. 31	To officers' salaries, - -	\$3,326 27	Dec. 31	By State Treasurer, - -	\$2,565 39
	" paid convicts discharged, - -	320 12		" fees from visitors, - -	44 02
	" transporting convicts, - -	272 87		" balance, - - - -	1,369 85
		<u>\$3,919 26</u>			<u>\$3,919 26</u>

STATE PRISON.

Bills Payable.

Bills Receivable.

1839.			1839.		
Dec. 31	To notes payable to sundry persons,	\$1,067 66	Dec. 31	By notes of sundry persons, -	\$629 16
	" amount due to sundry persons,	3,473 20		" amount charged to sundry persons,	3565 56
		<u>\$4,540 86</u>		" balance due from Prison, over	346 14
				and above the debts due said	
				Prison, - - - -	<u>\$4,540 86</u>

[Jan.

**The following is an Estimate of the probable Expenses of the
Prison, for the year 1840.**

For Provisions, - - - - -	\$2,700 00	For Warden, - - - - -	\$700 00
“ Clothing, - - - - -	1,100 00	“ Deputy Warden, - - - - -	500 00
“ Fuel and Lights, - - - - -	750 00	“ Clerk and Commissary, - - - - -	500 00
“ Tools and Furniture, - - - - -	150 00	“ Guards and Overseers, - - - - -	3,150 00
“ Transporting Convicts, - - - - -	400 00	“ Chaplain, - - - - -	150 00
“ Materials for Mechanic Shops, - - - - -	4,000 00	“ Physician, - - - - -	100 00
“ Building and Repairs, - - - - -	300 00		
“ Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	500 00		\$4,900 00
			<u>\$14,700 00</u>

1840.]

SENATE.—No. 5.

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.*