

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON STATE PRISON.**

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# REPORT.

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IN SENATE, March 4, 1840.

THE joint standing Committee on State Prison, to which was referred the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to submit the following

## REPORT.

On examination we find the State debtor to the Prison as follows:—

For amount of articles purchased in the various departments of labor, for expenditures in and about the Prison, for payments of officers' salaries, and all disbursements (except the Warden's salary) from the 26th of April, 1839, to December 31st, \$12,912 74

Amount of stock and tools on hand,  
April 26th, 1839, as per commissioners' report,

9,404 28

Amounting to

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\$22,317 02

The State is credited with the amount received from the sale of manufactures, for clothes to convicts and to others, and cash received from visitors, 10,221 42

Amount of stock on hand Dec. 31, 1839, 9,719 29

Difference in appraisal, 400 00

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Amounting to \$20,340 71

Leaving a clear balance against the Prison for its operations for the last 8 months, ending Dec. 31, 1839, of \$1,974 31

The Warden has received from the State Treasurer, as appears by his Report, 2,565 39

Which will leave a balance in favor of the State, after paying off the balance against the Prison, of \$588 95

It further appears by a communication from the Treasurer of State, which was referred to your Committee, that the Warden has received at two different periods, \$2,313, which was not accounted for in his Report. The sum of \$1,118 was received April 24th, 1839, two days before he took charge of the Prison, which sum, as the Warden informs your Committee, was drawn in his name and paid over to Mr. O'Brien, the former Warden. The sum of \$1,195, as the Warden also informs the Committee, was received December 31, 1839, the

day to which his account was made up, and credited to next year's account.

The Committee have examined the Report of the Warden and compared it with the Report of the Inspectors, and find them correct, with the exception of the amount paid out in the shoe department for stock, amounting to \$1,565 47, which was not brought forward in the general account, which will make a difference against the standing of the Prison, as compared with the Report of the Inspectors, of \$1,565 47. We also find by comparing the Report of the Inspectors with the Report of the Commissioners, who took account of stock April 26, 1839, a mistake of \$150 in favor of the Prison.

All which is respectfully submitted.

**JAMES ERSKINE, *Chairman.***

# STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 5, 1840. }

**ORDERED,** That five hundred copies of the Report of the Committee on the State Prison, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

**Attest:**

**ELBRIDGE GERRY, Clerk.**