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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

W A R D E N

OF THE

MAINE STATE PRISON.

1850.

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Published agreeably to Resolve of March 22, 1836.  
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# REPORT.

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of  
Representatives in Legislature assembled :*

IN accordance with the law of the state I beg leave to submit for your consideration my **FIRST REPORT** upon the condition of the state prison.

January 16th, 1850, I was appointed warden, and under the direction of the governor of the state, visited the state prisons in New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts for the purpose of acquiring information in regard to government, discipline, and the best system of convict labor. I take this opportunity to state, that I received from the officers of every prison I visited, the kindest attention, and every facility was afforded me, for a thorough examination of the above named institutions.

On the first day of April, inst., I took charge of this prison, an entire stranger to the business of governing convicts, but in the full hope that industry, care and attention to the duties of my station, would enable me to fulfill in this responsible relation the confident expectations of the appointing power.

The annexed account will show the amount of property belonging to the state, and also the receipts and expenditures for the month of April current.

For information in regard to the financial concerns of the prison, I respectfully refer you to the report of the board of Inspectors which presents a full and accurate statement of the condition of each department of the state prison.

I would beg leave especially to call your attention to that part of the Inspectors' report, which suggests the propriety of an appropriation by the legislature of two thousand dollars, for the purpose of extending the stone wall already commenced by my predecessor in office around the prison buildings.

The fence is of wood and is in a rotten and unsafe condition, liable to be blown down by the first strong gale of wind, in the event of which the prisoners must necessarily be confined in their cells until the fence could be rebuilt.

Much credit is due Dr. Daniel Rose, prison physician, for his skill, care and attention to the health of the convicts, the best evidence of which, is the fact that there is not one convict in the hospital.

A knowledge of the religious and moral condition of the prisoners, may be obtained from the very full and detailed report of Rev. Daniel Small, chaplain of the prison, whose unremitting efforts to improve the morals and promote the happiness and welfare of the prisoners are worthy of the highest praise. I would earnestly recommend the small appropriation he has asked for, in order that he may carry out the good work he has already begun.

Having but just entered upon the discharge of the duties of my office, I forbear to make any full explanations of my views connected with the subject of the management and discipline of the prison, preferring to test their correctness by experiment, but I beg leave to suggest that my short experience has produced a strong conviction that a humane and just policy requires that the state, by means of one or more reform schools, should remove the young convicts from the pernicious influence of the thoroughly depraved and hardened criminal, and thus provide for the reformation and restoration to society of those whose moral principles are not so utterly destroyed as to render all attempts at reform useless, and relieving them from the stigma that attaches to the name of any person who has been confined in the state prison.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Warden.*

WARDEN'S REPORT.

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

1850. March 31.			1850. April 30.		
	For amount of stock and tools as per commissioners,	13,854 41		By amount of stock and tools as per inspectors,	12,046 20
	For amount paid for fuel,	16 68		By difference in valuation per estimate,	1,808 21
	For am't paid for clothing,	9 55		By received and charged for clothing,	11 21
	For amount paid for subsistence,	101 75		By received and charged for subsistence,	11 86
	For amount paid for shoemaking,	278 79		By received and charged for shoemaking,	309 14
	For amount paid for wheelwrights,	272 89		By received and charged for wheelwrights,	191 87
	For am't paid for expense account,	35 59		By received and charged for team,	35 50
	For amount paid for team,	77 49		By received and charged for blacksmithing,	300 11
	For amount paid for blacksmithing,	133 20		By received and charged fees from visitors,	8 25
	For amount paid building and repairs,	102 32		By received and charged for lime quarry,	17 80
	For amount paid officer's salaries,	402 12		By balance against,	778 42
	For amount paid for lime quarry,	216 26			
	For amount paid for convicts discharged,	17 52			
		\$15,518 57			\$15,518 57

W.M. BENNETT, *Warden.*

LINCOLN, ss.—May 24, 1850.

Personally appeared, William Bennett, and made oath that the above by him subscribed, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

BEFORE ME,

E. WILSON, *Justice of the Peace.*

Examined and compared with vouchers and found correct.

STEPHEN BARROWS, }  
 PETER FULLER, } *Inspectors.*

**Convicts.**

Number of convicts April 30th, 1849, . . . . .	67	Whole number received since July 2d, 1824, . . . . .	981
Received since, . . . . .	31	Discharged on expiration of sentence, . . . . .	720
	—	Pardoned, . . . . .	149
	98	Died, . . . . .	28
Discharged on expiration of sentence. . . . .	17	Escaped and not retaken, . . . . .	7
Pardoned, . . . . .	5	Removed to Insane Hospital, . . . . .	2
Died, . . . . .	1	Present number April 30th, 1850, . . . . .	75—
Remaining April 30th, 1850, . . . . .	75—		981
	98		

**Crimes.**

Arson, . . . . .	4	Murder, sentence commuted, . . . . .	1
Burglary, . . . . .	5	Murder in the second degree, . . . . .	2
Incest, . . . . .	1	Assault to rob, . . . . .	1
Forgery, . . . . .	2	Assault to kill, . . . . .	1
Larceny, . . . . .	49	Breaking and entering a bank, . . . . .	1
Attempting to poison, . . . . .	1	Manslaughter, . . . . .	1
Passing counterfeit money, . . . . .	1	Assault to ravish, . . . . .	1
Shop breaking, . . . . .	1	Polygamy . . . . .	1
Murder, . . . . .	2		—

Aggregate, 75



## Convicts in the State Prison, April 30, 1850.

County.	Names.	Sentence.	Crimes.	When committed.	Place of Birth.	Age	No. com.
Lincoln.	Akers, Nathaniel	Life	Arson.	Sept. 24, 1841.	Gorham.	30	3
Cumberland,	Averill, Gerry	4 years.	Larceny.	July 7, 1849.	Portland.	25	1
Lincoln,	Bull Benjamin	4 years.	do.	March 9, 1847.	Boston.	44	5
Washington,	Brannick, William,	Life.	Burglary.	August 1, 1842.	Ireland.	28	1
do.	Beckett, Robert	5 years.	Burglary and larceny.	March 14, 1847.	Ireland.	22	1
do.	Browning, Jno.	5 years.	Attempt to poison.	July 21, 1847.	Nova Scotia.	51	1
Cumberland,	Bourk, John	3 years.	Larceny.	March 27, 1849.	Ireland.	23	1
York,	Bean, James	2 years.	do.	October 26, 1848.	Waterborough.	18	1
Cumberland,	Bell, Sam'l H.	3 years.	do.	October 23, 1849.	Eastport.	28	1
do.	Boyle, Hugh	2 years.	do.	April 2, 1850.	Bangor.	20	1
Lincoln,	Creemer, Israel	10 years.	Arson.	Sept 25, 1843.	Waldoborough.	35	1
York,	Cole, Elisha	5 years.	Passing counterfeit money.	October 11, 1845.	Buxton.	41	1
do.	Chadwick, Jona.	3 years.	Assault to rob.	October 14, 1848.	Berwick.	23	1
Penobscot,	Canney, Ezra	Life.	Murder—second degree.	Nov. 13, 1846.	Tuftenborough.	42	1
do.	Cilley, Elias	1 year.	Larceny.	Feb 14, 1850.	Atkinson.	18	1
Cumberland,	Carpenter, Jabez	6 years.	Arson.	April 30, 1850.	Poland.	25	1
do.	Davis, Thomas	4 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	Massachusetts.	24	1
Penobscot,	Douglass, William S.	7 years.	Incest.	July 21, 1847.	Scotland.	48	1
Cumberland,	Davis, Thomas 2d,	3 years.	Larceny.	April 2, 1850.	Bath.	21	1
do.	Devine, Patrick,	2 years.	Forgery.	April 30, 1850.	Ireland.	17	1
do.	Frost, James	7 years.	Larceny.	October 21, 1847.	Portland.	18	1
do.	Gould, Selden	5 years.	do.	October 22, 1846.	Wilton.	29	3
Lincoln,	Getchell, Benjamin	4 years.	do.	July 17, 1848.	Wiscasset.	39	1
Penobscot,	Gamage, Samuel	4 years.	do.	Feb. 14, 1850.	Bristol.	24	1
Somerset,	Hill, John	Life.	Arson.	June 25, 1842.	England.	53	1
Cumberland,	Hamblet, Reuben B.	5 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	N. Hampshire.	20	1
do.	Harlow, Lucius	7 years.	do.	April 2, 1850.	Mirot.	21	1
do.	Harmon, Simeon P.	2 1-2 years.	Forgery.	April 30, 1850.	Scarborough.	53	1
Lincoln,	Kenza, Charles	10 years.	Burglary.	Sept. 26, 1846.	New York.	30	4
Cumberland,	Kenney, George F.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 22, 1846.	Halifax.	24	1
York,	Littlefield, Rufus	4 years.	Assault to ravish.	October 14, 1848.	Keinebunk.	25	1
Cumberland,	Libby, Charles	4 years.	Larceny.	July 7, 1849.	Calais.	21	1
Kennebec,	Lorinan, James	2 years.	do.	August 30, 1849.	Scotland.	23	1
Oxford,	Libby, William	3 years.	do.	Dec. 13, 1849.	Portsmouth.	24	1
Cumberland,	Leighton, Timothy	5 years.	do.	April 2, 1850.	Falmouth.	45	1
do.	Murray, James	5 years.	do.	March 29, 1846.	Ireland.	23	1
York,	Moore, George	2 years.	do.	Dec. 19, 1848.	Topsham.	38	1
Kennebec,	Morse, Manness	5 years.	do.	Dec. 26, 1848.	Ireland.	22	1
Penobscot,	McClure, Jno. W.	1 year.	do.	October 15, 1849.	Thorndike.	25	1
do.	Mitchell, Joseph	7 years.	Manslaughter.	Dec. 3, 1849.	Oldtown.	28	1
Somerset,	Merrill, John	6 years.	Larceny.	Jan. 30, 1850.	Newport.	21	1

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Penobscot,	McGuire, Michael	4 years.	Larceny.	Feb. 14, 1850.	Ireland.	34	1
Cumberland,	Owen, Thomas	5 years.	do.	May 26, 1846.	Portland.	19	1
do.	Ploughman, George	To be hanged.	Murder.	Jan. 11, 1850.	England.	59	1
Kennebec,	Prescott, Daniel C.	2 years.	Larceny.	Jan. 14, 1850.	Freedom.	28	1
Penobscot,	Paul, Hosea	1 year.	Shopbreaking.	Feb. 14, 1850.	Anson.	32	1
Waldo,	Pennell, George W.	2 years.	Larceny.	Feb. 25, 1850.	Madison.	24	1
Lincoln,	Richards, Nathan	7 years.	Burglary.	Sept. 25, 1843.	Wayne.	27	3
Cumberland,	Richardson, Oliver D.	12 years.	Larceny.	July 1, 1843.	Otisfield.	37	5
Lincoln,	Richardson, Columbus	Life.	do.	Sept. 26, 1846.	Litchfield.	30	2
Penobscot,	Spencer, Isaac	Life.	Murder--commuted.	Feb. 21, 1836.	Orono.	21	1
Washington,	Sbarkey, Thomas,	Life.	Burglary.	August 1, 1842.	Ireland.	22	1
Penobscot,	Sawyer, Henry	5 years.	Larceny.	Feb. 19, 1846.	Snoo.	38	2
York,	Simons, Calvin	2 years.	do.	Dec. 19, 1848.	N. Hampshire.	27	1
Cumberland,	Storer, William H.	6 years.	do.	October 22, 1846.	New Sharon.	26	1
Lincoln,	Soute, Zina H.	1 year.	do.	June 17, 1849.	Woolwich.	33	1
Penobscot,	Smith, William	1 year.	do.	Feb. 14, 1850.	Hampden.	19	1
Cumberland,	Smith, John	2 years.	do.	April 2, 1850.	Sunkhaze.	21	1
do.	Thorn, Thomas	To be hanged.	Murder.	May 17, 1843.	Long Island.	24	1
do.	Thompson, Nathaniel R.	15 years.	Larceny.	July 6, 1847.	New York.	25	1
Kennebec,	Turner, Alexander G.	4 years.	do.	Jan. 2, 1847.	Scotland.	20	1
York,	Todd, Joseph	3 years.	Assault to kill.	October 14, 1848.	Portsmouth.	23	1
do.	Trenholm, Jas. Q. A.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 26, 1848.	Elizabethtown.	26	1
Oxford,	Trowbridge, Geo. W.	3 years.	do.	Dec. 13, 1849.	Richmond.	24	1
York,	Thurston, William	3 years.	do.	April 25, 1850.	Stockbridge.	33	1
Penobscot,	Varney, Richard	Life.	Murder--second degree.	Dec. 20, 1845.	Palermo.	27	1
Cumberland,	Worthing, Ensign	4 years.	Larceny.	October 21, 1847.	Coriath.	12	1
do.	Williams, Jno. D.	7 years.	do.	March 22, 1848.	Vienna.	24	1
Kennebec,	Wingate, Frederick A.	8 years.	Breaking and entering bank.	April 21, 1849.	Charlestown.	21	1
Cumberland,	Ward, Allen	3 years.	Larceny.	March 27, 1849.	Brunswick.	19	1
Lincoln,	Whaling, John	3 years.	do.	July 15, 1849.	Ireland.	21	1
Cumberland,	Woodman, Joseph	8 years.	do.	October 23, 1849.	N. Gloucester.	43	2
Kennebec,	Wells, Augustus	5 years.	Shop breaking and larceny.	Jan. 14, 1850.	Vienna.	23	1
York,	Young, John W.	5 years.	Larceny.	October 26, 1848.	Portland.	37	2
do.	York, Samuel C.	1 1-2 years.	Polygamy.	April 25, 1850.	Athens.	27	1

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