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THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

No. 23.]

[HOUSE.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 25, 1852. }

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

IN compliance with your order of the 14th inst., calling for certain information relating to the Massachusetts Reform School at Westborough, I take pleasure in communicating the following:—

It will be seen that the last question is answered only so far as relates to counties. Should more minute information upon that point be deemed necessary, it can be obtained only by having recourse to the books of the Institution, at Westborough.

FIRST. From the commencement of the undertaking down to the final report of Commissioners in February, 1849, the appropriations, exclusive of the cost of farm, which was presented by Mr. T. Lyman, were \$86,000

As follows:—Resolve of April 10, 1844,	\$10,000
“ April 9, 1847,	35,000
“ “ “	20,000
“ April 1, 1848,	21,000
“ April 25, 1848,	10,000
“ “ “	8,000

And the Commissioners report that they had exceeded the appropriations by the amount of \$6,000.

SECOND. Three hundred.

THIRD. In the year 1851, the average number was 309. A committee of the Legislature report the accommodations as altogether inadequate, and a large number of youth then in prison by reason of it.

FOURTH. All the expenditures heretofore made are so mixed up with ordinary expenses and erection of additional buildings, improvements upon the farm, procuring water, &c., that I have not been able to find what would be considered ordinary expenses.

The appropriation for all purposes in 1851, was \$22,000.

FIFTH. Any crime punishable by imprisonment, other than imprisonment for life.

SIXTH. As the law now is, under sixteen years.

SEVENTH. No means of showing except so far as relates to counties. During the year 1850, the commitments were as follows, viz :

Barnstable,	.	.	.	.	none.
Bristol,	.	.	.	.	14
Berkshire,	.	.	.	.	3
Essex,	.	.	.	.	26
Hampden,	.	.	.	.	12
Middlesex,	.	.	.	.	20
Nantucket,	.	.	.	.	1
Norfolk,	.	.	.	.	6
Suffolk,	.	.	.	.	12
Worcester,	.	.	.	.	12

Previous to 1850—from

Franklin,	.	.	.	.	2
Hampshire,	.	.	.	.	6
Plymouth,	.	.	.	.	4

And whole number received prior to 1850—334.

Without having the particular information called for, it may be presumed that a large portion of those sent to the Institution at Westborough, are from the large towns and cities. And this is equally true in regard to all criminal prosecutions.

P. S. In addition to the appropriations made by the Legislature of Massachusetts, the State Reform School at Westborough has received by donation and devise from the late Mr. Theodore Lyman, the sum of seventy thousand dollars.

JOHN HUBBARD.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 27, 1852.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Communication,
be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*