

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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No. 48.]

[SENATE.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON STATE PRISON.

THE joint standing committee, appointed by order of the legislature, passed February 5th, 1852, to visit the State Prison and inquire into the expediency of further legislation in relation to the conflicting duties now existing between the inspectors of the prison and the committee of the council, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to

REPORT :

That the board of inspectors and the committee of the council, are now exercising in many respects, the same and similar duties, on the discipline, management and financial affairs of the prison.

That previous to last year, all these duties were performed by the board of inspectors, after consulting with the officers of the prison, and diligently enquiring into the subject. It is the opinion of the committee, that the good management and discipline of the

prison, would be best promoted by conferring all the powers and duties now exercised by both the committees of the council and the board of inspectors, upon the board of inspectors.

It is the opinion of the committee, that by adopting this course, the State will save much unnecessary expense, and the discipline of the prison, and its financial management, be far better promoted.

Entertaining these views, the committee ask leave to report the following bill, which is herewith submitted.

JAMES LANCASTER, *Chairman.*

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
FIFTY-TWO.

AN ACT in relation to the government of the Maine
State Prison.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. An act entitled "An act in addition
2 to the several acts in relation to the State Prison, and
3 the control and government thereof," approved Aug-
4 ust twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, is
5 hereby repealed, excepting so much of section five as
6 relates to the residence of the inspectors.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the warden and
2 the inspectors of the Maine State Prison, to render
3 and make their annual account and statement to the
4 legislature, on the first Wednesday of January instead
5 of May, as heretofore required.

SECT. 3. All of the powers and duties which were
2 enjoined upon, and vested in the joint standing com-
3 mittee of the legislature on the State Prison, and
4 upon the inspectors of said prison, are hereby revived
5 and restored as they existed previous to the passage
6 of the act mentioned in the first section.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 10, 1852.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Report, together
with the accompanying Bill, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ALBERT H. SMALL, *Secretary.*