

surrounds the Penitentiary is several feet higher than that which encloses the jail. The sleeping apartments of the prisoners are arranged in a manner very similar to the stalls of an arcade. The prisoners are employed as weavers, comb-makers, shoemakers, hatters, stone-cutters, &c. The present keeper is Mr. Joseph Owens; directors Wm. McDonald, Thomas Kelso, Thomas W. Hall, James W. McCulloh, Dr. H. W. Barclay, Dr. Thomas E. Bond, John G. Proud, Wm. H. Hanson, Wm. Jenkins, Wm. G. Howard, Col. S. D. Walker; one vacancy by death. The directors are appointed annually by the governor and council. At this time the Penitentiary contains three hundred and ninety-five criminals, three hundred and thirty-one males and sixty-four females.

*Post Office.*—At the north east corner of North and Fayette streets: For rates of postage, arrival and departure of the mail, &c. See "Mail establishment," in chapter xi.

*State Tobacco Warehouses.*—There are three in the City; 1st. No. 1 and 2 at the lower end of Dugan's wharf; and No. 3 at the intersection of Light and Conway streets.

*Telegraph.*—This great public convenience is erected on a considerable eminence, called Federal Hill, on the south side of the basin. It corresponds with another station on Bodkin point and again with the windows of the dome of the Exchange. So that news of the arrival of a vessel thirty miles from the city may be transmitted in a few minutes to the latter establishment.

*Watch-houses.*—There are three watch-houses in the city: 1st. called the *Eastern*, at the corner of Market and Alice Anna streets, Fell's Point; 2d. called the *Middle*, in North street, corner of Orange alley; 3d. or *Western*, in Paca, near Fayette street. The custom of bringing the prisoners confined in the watch-houses by night to a public examination the next morning, (a custom which prevails in other cities, with doubtful advantage,) is dispensed with in Baltimore. For trifling offences, the punishment of a night's incarceration is deemed sufficient, without adding an exposure which cannot fail to make the culprit more hardened and shameless. They who are detected in offences of greater magnitude, of course, meet with more suitable punishment.

*Water Works.*—These are situated at the corner of Calvert and Centre streets. Their use is to raise the waters of Jones's Falls, to be distributed through the city. Two spacious basins or reservoirs have been built near the water works, which are enclosed in a very handsome manner, so as to be an ornament as well as a work of utility. The water works are the property of an incorporated company.

*The Public Store.*—This superb building rapidly advancing towards completion, is situated S. E. corner of Gay and Water sts., is 98 feet fronting Gay st. by 72 feet Water st. in dimensions, four stories high, basement granite, and is admirably adapted for a convenient and safe depot for custom house stores, being completely fire proof.



