

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY,

Baltimore, November 30th, 1864.

To His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,

Governor of Maryland:

The Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, beg leave to present to you their Annual Report of the operations of the Institution for the past year, and of its present condition.

The accompanying tables, A, B, C, D, E, and F, are referred to as showing its financial condition, and tables No. 1 to 8, its statistics.

The report of MR. DOUGHERTY, the Clerk, shows the Institution to be free from debt, with the exception of a claim of \$470 50, enjoined in our hands by Court, and the amount due prisoners for over-work, and payable on their discharge, \$2,255 01.

Deducting these amounts from the available assets on hand, leaves a balance of \$5,118 22.

The expenses of the Institution for the year ending 30th of November, 1863, amounted to \$43,610 54, and the average number of prisoners 384. For the year ending this date the expenses are \$53,952 56, and the average number of prisoners 413. The cost of supporting them per head, for the year 1863, was therefore \$113 57, and for the present year \$130 64. This increase is to be attributed to the advance in food, clothing, fuel and the salaries of officers.

The contracts for the hire of convicts, were mostly made sometime since, at prices much lower than might be obtained now. They cannot be increased however, except as the contracts expire.

Some of them have terminated and been renewed at an advance of about 50 per cent., and such will be the case with the others as they expire.

The last Legislature, in compliance with a request made in our last report granted an appropriation of \$8,000 for the erection of suitable buildings for workshops. In pursuance of this object we have had erected two buildings, each two stories high, and seventy by fifty feet, and seventy by twenty