

The Clerk, Mr. McEvoy, states, that Mr. Proud had asserted, or read from a paper, that during Dr. Baxley's term of service (two months) as a member of the monthly Committee, *he had not seen Dr. Baxley in attendance at the institution once.* And this, he has had the audacity to say, was grossly false; and appeals to a book kept at the Penitentiary to show that it was so. What Mr. Proud *did* say, (Mr. P. avers with a certainty, that it is founded upon a reference to the notes in question,) was this, that since he had been a member of the Executive Committee, *he did not recollect to have seen any one of the four memorialists to the Senate (Dr. Baxley, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Walker,) at the Penitentiary acting in conformity with the requirements of the rules and regulations,* which made it necessary for the monthly Committee to attend at the Penitentiary *at least three times a week,* and that *he had been informed that they had not been there in that capacity within that time.* Now, how is it possible that any book at the Penitentiary can show *that he did not recollect to have seen any one of those persons at the Penitentiary in that capacity?* And yet, this young man has had the temerity to declare, under oath, that it could be so proved! The incident otherwise, is too insignificant to require any notice.

There is one incident that we could wish to have been spared the pain of noticing, had what is due to truth and to the character of a majority of the Board, in 1835, permitted. Mr. McEvoy complains of the *oppression* of which, as he alleges, he has been the object on the part of the Board, and in his statement produces the report of the Executive Committee to the Directors, dated the 18th November, 1835, to make out his case; the *original* of which report, he says, accompanies his communication, and if so, must be in the hands of the Joint Committee. The statement we are about to make is a very grave one, seriously affecting the character of the party which it implicates, and is made under a due sense of its solemnity by all the undersigned—except Dr. Bond, who at the time referred to, was not a Director. The long continued occasional irregularities of the then Clerk, Mr. McEvoy, after an unusual long interval of sobriety, broke out in the month of November 1835, and continued at least a week, in which he was absent from his duty at the Penitentiary, and led to this report from the Executive Committee, which he has with an unaccountable fatuity, been induced to make public. The wonder is with us, how he should have come in possession of the original report, and that he should have ventured so recklessly to publish it.

That report was submitted to the Board with the following resolutions:—

**Resolved,** That a Committee of three, of which the President of this Board be Chairman, shall be appointed, for the purpose of an interview with Mr. McEvoy, the Clerk of the institution, to admonish him, that upon a recurrence of his irregular demeanor and neglect