to the grain owner or his agent to sell his grain without inspection or weighing by the State Inspectors, which privilege as I am informed has led to the introduction of a class of grain weighers having no connection whatever with the State and who act independently of the inspectors appointed by it. If there be a necessity for the inspection or weighing of grain at all and it is deemed advisable that the same should be made under the supervision of State officers it should be like all other inspections exclusively under their direction; and to permit others to engage in the same business without the authority of or any responsibility to the State not only deprives it of the revenue which such an inspection would otherwise yield but is calculated to defeat the chief object of the inspection itself.

In consequence of these two classes of inspectors or weighers thus at present employed, the grain inspection instead of yielding a considerable revenue to the State does not afford enough to remunerate the Inspector.

I would therefore advise either that the law requiring the inspection and weighing of grain be repealed altogether or that it be otherwise so modified as to require all grain coming to market except when brought in small lot by wagon &c to be weighed and inspected exclusively by the officers whom the State appoints.

## Charitable Institutions

The Managers of the House of Refuge who by their Charter are required to make an annual report to the General Assembly that body not being in session in January 1863 - filed at that time their report for the previous year in this Department and it is herewith submitted. This institution continues to grow in favor with the people of the State and has in all respects fulfilled the expectations of its founders. The amount of the annual appropriation which for the last three years it has received from the State would scarcely seem to be commensurate with the importance of the public interest it is calculated to secure.

It was founded and has been I believe to a great extent supported by individual munificence but the character and extent of the benefit it confers upon the community entitle it to a support that should place it beyond such dependence.

The increase in the cost of nearly all the necessaries of life of late must add considerably to the amount of its expenses, as it adds also another reason for a liberal contribution to its support. I would therefore recommend, that the appropriation heretofore made in its account be continued and think that it might be very advantageously increased.

Extracts from the Executive records which accompany this will inform you of the numbers, names &c of the beneficiaries &c. &c.