

R E P O R T .

ANNAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 28, 1860.

TO THE HONORABLE,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

The Joint Committee, appointed to examine the affairs of the Maryland Penitentiary having performed that duty, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee in the discharge of the task imposed upon them, proceeded to the Institution and was most cordially and hospitably received and welcomed by the Warden and Board of Directors.

WARDEN AND DIRECTORS.

The Committee take great pleasure in noticing the courtesy of the Directors, Warden and subordinate officers, and their readiness to aid them in the prosecution of their labors; and, in this connection your Committee state that economy in the management of the Institution, seems to have been well studied.

THE BOOK-KEEPER.

Your Committee avail themselves of this opportunity to speak of the improved system of book-keeping, adopted and carried out by the very gentlemanly and intelligent Clerk of the Institution, Mr. J. C. Dougherty. Everything is *plain, well written and easily understood*. The books are cleanly and great care seems to have been taken with them. Your Committee unhesitatingly say, that they believe no public Institu-