

hearts of the wisest and best of men, as well in other countries as in our own.

The Penitentiary system has been adopted as the settled policy of the State, and sustained through all the fluctuations of political party, since the year 1807. It has undergone various modifications and improvements from time to time, and a large sum has lately been expended in the erection of extensive workshops, for the purpose of introducing a new discipline, which has been attended with admirable effects, both as a means of punishment and of reformation, in another state, and promises to be equally efficacious here. We should consider it adverse to a wise economy, and a great misfortune to the cause of humanity and the reputation of the state, if any legal enactment were made to interfere with the operation of the new discipline, or should be wanting to carry it into complete effect. The Directors confidently trust in the wisdom of the Legislature, that they will continue to the institution and the system the countenance and patronage of the State. Nothing more, it is believed, can be required to render the Maryland Penitentiary equal, in *utility*, to those of New York, or to the admirable and magnificent institutions of Pennsylvania.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

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