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Superintendent (Mr. Hefler) has lately informed me he is desirous of delivering.

If it met your Excellency's approbation I could still favor them at a future time/having been familiar with the organization of the Weight & Measure Department since its origin/forward Measures which would tend to a diffusion, from the same authorities source, of similar Standards for the use of the several Counties of the State - an object in our domestic commerce of a good deal of Interest.

Expecting etc I shall have the honor to receive your Excellency's direction in the matter - I remain

With profound respect -
Yr. Excellency's most obt. servant.
John Alexander
Treas. of Md.

State Department, Md.
Annapolis April 23^d 1839.

Sir,
I have the honor to enclose herewith a Report of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary relating to a communication received by His Excellency the Governor of Maryland from a Committee appointed by the Senate of the Legislature of Pennsylvania to enquire into the management and condition of the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia

The communication was immediately transmitted to the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary as the best source of the information wanted by the Committee; and upon the receipt of the enclosed during the recess of your Legislature I have been directed by His Excellency to send it to you with the request that you will lay it before the Committee at its earliest session.

Accompanying the Report are the printed Annual reports on the State of the Penitentiary from the year 1831. to which reference is made for matters not contained in the answer of the Directors They will be sent by the same mail that carries this package.

Very Respectfully
Yours etc. etc.
Francis McLean
Secretary of State.